Nurses Personally Furnishing Non-Controlled Drugs

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NOTE: This expanded resolution incorporates language from a previous resolution issued on 3/18/2020 that authorized prescribers to delegate personally furnishing non-controlled drug samples to nurses licensed in accordance with Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code. This new resolution authorizes prescribers to delegate personally furnishing of all non-controlled drugs as opposed to drug samples.

To address patient access to medication during the COVID-19 outbreak, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the following resolution authorizing prescribers to delegate personally furnishing of non-controlled drugs to nurses licensed in accordance with Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.

This guidance is being issued in accordance with a Board resolution adopted on March 2, 2020.

A prescriber at a location licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs may delegate the act of personally furnishing non-controlled drugs to a nurse (RN/LPN) licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code. The nurse must have a documented order by a prescriber and must document the act of personally furnishing using positive identification. The nurse shall be responsible for ensuring the drug is properly labeled and that an offer of counseling is provided to the patient/caregiver in accordance with rule 4729:5-19-02 of the Administrative Code.

This guidance shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board.