



Use of Ohio Identification Cards for the Sale of Pseudoephedrine or Ephedrine Products During COVID-19

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To promote patient access to medications during the COVID-19 pandemic and flu season, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the following guidance regarding the use of Ohio-issued photo identification for the purchase of pseudoephedrine or ephedrine products.

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Ohio General Assembly passed, and Governor Mike DeWine has signed, HB 404, which extends the expiration date of Ohio-issued driver licenses and state identification cards. If an individual's expiration date on their driver's license or state issued identification card has expired between March 9, 2020 and April 1, 2021, the expiration date has been automatically extended and will remain valid until July 1, 2021.

Pharmacies may use an expired Ohio driver's license or state identification card that has an expiration date between March 9, 2020 to April 1, 2021 as a government-issued identification card to comply with the identification requirements the sale of pseudoephedrine or ephedrine products pursuant to ORC 3715.05, 3715.051, and 3715.052. Pharmacies may use July 1, 2021 as the expiration date for Ohio-issued identification cards.

The Board strongly encourages pharmacies to honor the extension of Ohio-issued driver licenses and state identification cards to ensure patient access to needed medications.

Pharmacies should also be advised that NPLEx/MethCheck does not block a transaction with an expired identification. A successful transaction can be submitted with an expired ID. If you have specific questions about this process, please reach out to your POS vendor contact or Appriss at OHNPLeX@appriss.com.

More information about the identification requirements for the sale of pseudoephedrine or ephedrine products can be found on page 129 of the outpatient pharmacy inspection guide (www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OPinspect).

