Clarification on Dilution or Reconstitution of Allergen Extracts

The Board has been made aware of a communication stating that prescribers are no longer permitted to dilute or reconstitute allergen extracts in a non-sterile environment if not utilized within six hours.

Please be advised that rule 4729-16-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code requires adherence to the allergen extracts section of United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Chapter 797. This provision does not subject prescribers to the personnel, environmental, and storage requirements of USP 797 if certain criteria, listed in the chapter, are met.

Therefore, allergen extracts may be prepared and used in accordance with the provisions of USP 797 and are not subject to a general six hour beyond use date.