



## **Pharmacist Consult Agreements with Physicians**

**Updated 8-31-2017**

On March 23, 2016, [Ohio HB 188 \(131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly\)](#) went into effect. This law makes the following modifications to pharmacist consult agreements with physicians ([ORC 4729.39](#)):

- Authorizes one or more pharmacists practicing under a consult agreement with one or more physicians to (1) manage a patient's drug therapy for specified diagnoses or diseases and (2) order and evaluate blood and urine tests.
- Creates a single process for establishing a consult agreement, in place of separate processes that were based on whether the patient's drug therapy was being managed within or outside a hospital or long-term care facility.
- Grants certain immunities from civil liability to pharmacists and physicians practicing under consult agreements.

Updated rules governing pharmacist consult agreements will go into effect on **October 1, 2017**.

The rules (which replace [4729-29-01](#) & [4729-29-02](#)) can be accessed using the following links:

- [4729:1-6-01 Definitions - Consult agreements](#)
- [4729:1-6-02 Consult agreements](#)
- [4729:1-6-03 Standards for managing drug therapy](#)

**Existing consult agreements must be updated by October 1, 2017 to reflect the content of the new rules.**

**NOTE: The Board will not be issuing controlled substance registrations (see paragraph (C)(6) of rule 4729:1-6-02) until it receives approval by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. Therefore, pharmacists will not be permitted to prescribe controlled substances pursuant to a consult agreement until such authorization is provided by the DEA. This document will be updated as additional information becomes available.**

### **Additional Questions**

If you need additional information, the most expedient way to have your questions answered will be to e-mail the Board office by visiting: <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.aspx>.

