Pharmacist Consult Agreements with Physicians

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On March 23, 2016, Ohio HB 188 (131st 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 are now in effect and include the following:

- **4729:1-6-01 Definitions - Consult agreements**
- **4729:1-6-02 Consult agreements**
- **4729:1-6-03 Standards for managing drug therapy**

Pharmacist Controlled Substance Registration

Pharmacists with a controlled substance registration issued by the Board of Pharmacy (see paragraph (C)(6) of rule 4729:1-6-02) are permitted to obtain a mid-level DEA controlled substance registration.

Before applying for a mid-level DEA registration, a pharmacist working under a consult agreement authorizing the prescribing or management of controlled substances must obtain a controlled substance registration issued by the Board. To apply, follow these steps:

**Step 1:** Log-in to your [elicense account](#).

**Step 2:** On the "Your Licenses" screen click the options button under your pharmacist license and select "Apply for an endorsement"
Step 3: Select RPH Controlled Substance Prescriber as the endorsement type and click OK

Step 4: Complete and submit the application. Applicants are required to provide the following information:

- Personal contact information
- Collaborative agreement information (including a signed copy of their agreement that indicates the pharmacist is authorized to prescribe/manage controlled substances)
- Attestation and signature

**NOTE:** There is no fee for an Ohio controlled substance registration. It must be renewed when the pharmacist renews their license.

**IMPORTANT:** A pharmacist must notify the Board by email (licensing@pharmacy.ohio.gov) if they are no longer authorized to prescribe controlled substances pursuant to a consult agreement. Notification must occur within five business days.

A controlled substance prescriber registration is deemed void if the pharmacist no longer has a valid consult agreement authorizing the prescribing of a controlled substance. Failure to obtain or maintain a valid controlled substance prescriber registration prohibits a pharmacist from prescribing controlled substances.

**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](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.aspx).