



## Guidance Document: Drugs Collected by a Drug Repository Program

On May 6, 2015, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy adopted the following resolution:

*Section 3715.87 of the Ohio Revised Code states that the Board shall establish a drug repository program to accept and dispense prescription drugs donated or given for the purpose of being dispensed to individuals who are residents of this state and meet eligibility standards established in rules adopted by the board under section 3715.873 of the Revised Code.*

*The Board has received inquiries from these programs regarding the process and procedures by which these entities may accept donated prescription drugs. In an effort to provide clarity on this topic, the Board recognizes that any licensed health care professional may assist with the receipt, inventory, packaging and labeling of a donated drug under the on-site supervision of the responsible person or another licensed healthcare professional that has the same or similar scope of practice as the responsible person. For example, if the repository program is a pharmacy, then the responsible person must be a pharmacist and therefore the responsible person can authorize another pharmacist to provide the on-site supervision. Additionally, if the repository program is a clinic and the responsible person is a licensed physician, therefore the responsible person could designate the on-site supervision to another physician, pharmacist or advanced practice registered nurse/physician assistant that is authorized to prescribe or dispense.*

*Drug repository programs should be reminded that the responsible person on their terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license is required to provide "supervision and control" of dangerous drugs as required in division (B) of section 4729.55 of the Ohio Revised Code, and "adequate safeguards" to assure that dangerous drugs are being distributed in accordance with all state and federal laws. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the responsible person to develop policies and systems to detect and deter the diversion of all drugs possessed on-site.*

