



New Guidance - Printing of Electronic Prescriptions

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On October 10, 2017, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy adopted the following resolution:

The Board hereby waives the following requirements for electronic prescriptions as required in rule 4729-5-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code:

The original prescription information received from the prescriber must be saved and a hardcopy prescription must be printed to document the dispensing. The hardcopy prescription must be filed in the prescription file pursuant to rule 4729-5-09 of the Administrative Code.

Pharmacies will no longer be required to print and save hard copies of electronically received prescriptions if the pharmacy can comply with all of the following:

1. The pharmacist is able to document the dispensing of the original prescription using positive identification as defined in rule 4729-5-01 of the Administrative Code.
2. The prescriptions must be stored electronically and shall be uniformly maintained and readily retrievable for a period of three years.

Failure to comply with the conditions set forth in this resolution will be considered a violation of Chapter 4729. of the Ohio Administrative Code and may result in disciplinary action.

Existing printed electronic prescriptions may be destroyed if the prescriptions are stored in accordance the requirements of this resolution **AND the prescriptions are not used to document positive ID.** If destroyed, the electronic prescriptions are hereby deemed to be the original prescription.

Should you need any additional assistance on this policy change, please do not hesitate to contact the Board. The most expedient way to have your questions answered will be to e-mail the Board office by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.aspx. Be sure to select "Compliance/Enforcement Information" as your subject line.

