



Board of Pharmacy

Request for Stakeholder Comment

Comments due 4/11/2025

Section [4729.45](#) of the Ohio Revised Code governs a pharmacist's ability to administer injectable drugs pursuant to a protocol. To ensure the rule mirrors the statute, the Board is proposing the following amendments to rule 4729:1-3-03:

- Authorizes pharmacists to administer HIV treatment drugs in long-acting or extended release form (**NOTE: Added by law effective 4/9/25**).
- Adds certified nurse-midwife, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse practitioner to those prescribers who can authorize a pharmacist's drug administration protocol.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Recent changes to Ohio law permit the Board to add additional drugs that a pharmacist may administer via injection. Currently, the list includes the following:

1. An addiction treatment drug administered in a long-acting or extended-release form. (NOTE: This includes opioid antagonists and partial agonists approved by the FDA for the treatment of addiction, which includes relapse prevention).
2. An antipsychotic drug administered in a long-acting or extended-release form.
3. A human immunodeficiency virus treatment drug administered in a long-acting or extended-release form. (**NOTE: Added by law effective 4/9/25**)
4. Hydroxyprogesterone caproate.
5. Medroxyprogesterone acetate.
6. Cobalamin, to include cyanocobalamin, hydroxocobalamin, or any other vitamin B12 injection approved by the United States food and drug administration.

If a commenter would like to see an expansion of this list, please provide the following with your comments:

- Type of drug (must be a specific drug or drug class that must be administered via injection).
- A detailed justification of how authorizing additional drugs would improve patient health and access.

To review the proposed rules, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/InjectableDangerousDrugs.

Comments on the proposed rules will be accepted until the close of business on **Friday, April 11, 2025**. Please send all comments to the following email address: RuleComments@pharmacy.ohio.gov.



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