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REMINDER: New Outpatient Pharmacy Rules Effective 12/1/2020

Effective December 1, 2020, new rules for outpatient pharmacies (Chapter [4729:5-5](#) of the Administrative Code) go into effect. To assist licensees in complying with the new rule chapter, the Board recently published an updated outpatient pharmacy inspection guide (www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OPinspect).

The inspection [guide](#) aligns with internal guidance used by Board inspectors and allows licensees to conduct self-inspections to ensure compliance. The guide also includes links to the new rules, important definitions, and reminders of when a licensee is required to submit notification or additional information to the Board.

As a reminder, this guide applies only to locations licensed in this state that meet the following definition of an "outpatient pharmacy" in rule [4729:5-5-01](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code:

"Outpatient pharmacy" means any pharmacy, including a clinic pharmacy, where drugs are dispensed for outpatient use. It does not include institutional pharmacies or institutional facilities, as defined in agency 4729 of the Administrative Code, where drugs are dispensed for use by inpatients.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board has delayed the implementation of the schedule II controlled substances storage requirement until 3/31/2021. For more information, see page 45 of the [guide](#).

REMINDER: Outpatient Inspection Guide Continuing Education Opportunity

To assist with the implementation of the new outpatient pharmacy rules, the Board has developed a one-hour jurisprudence quiz. This quiz is intended to test a participant's knowledge of the new outpatient pharmacy rules and provides one contact hour (0.1 CEU) of State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy approved jurisprudence for pharmacists and registered pharmacy technicians.

For more information on the quiz, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OPquiz
