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Reminder – Diagnosis Code Requirement

Rule [4729-5-30](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code requires prescribers (except for veterinarians) to indicate the first four alphanumeric characters of the ICD-10-CM medical diagnosis code (ex. M16.5) or the Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT code) on all prescriptions for controlled substances.

IMPORTANT: Paragraph (K) of rule 4729-5-30 permits the processing of a prescription without the diagnosis code. Per rule [4729-37-04](#), if the code is not provided the pharmacy must indicate "NC" when reporting the diagnosis or procedure code to OARRS.

Reminder – ASAP 4.2A Format Required for Reporting to OARRS

ASAP 4.2A Format Required for Reporting to OARRS has been effective since **December 29, 2017**.

Rule [4729-37-05](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code requires the reporting of data to OARRS via the ASAP 4.2A Standard. The dispenser guide outlining the ASAP 4.2A elements needed for the inclusion of this data is now available and can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/ASAPupdate.

Since **December 29, 2017**, OARRS will accept only ASAP 4.2A.

Reminder – Dispensing of Emergency Refill of Medication without a Prescription

Effective March 23, 2016, [HB 188](#), commonly referred to as Kevin's Law, modified the authority of pharmacists to dispense an emergency refill of medication without a prescription ([ORC 4729.281](#)).

Under certain conditions, a pharmacist is now permitted to dispense up to a thirty-day supply for a non-controlled dangerous drug, or if the standard unit of dispensing for the drug exceeds a thirty-day supply, the amount of the drug dispensed or sold does not exceed the standard unit of dispensing.

The Board has published guidance on this topic, which can be found [here](#).
