

## **SERIAL NUMBERING OF PRESCRIPTIONS**

### **Rule 4729-5-19 [Update Effective 01/01/2009]**

All outpatient prescriptions must be serially numbered when entered into the computer system or when dispensed under a manual system.

- (A) This number must appear on the original prescription. If an alternate record keeping system is being used pursuant to rule 4729-5-27 of the Administrative Code, the serial number must also appear on the records in this alternate system.
- (B) There must be a complete accounting of all numbers used in the serial numbering system.
- (C) All prescriptions which are not refillable, either because of the dispensing of all refills or the length of time since issuance, shall be assigned a new serial number upon authorization by the prescriber to continue the medication, except:
  - (1) The prescriber may authorize additional refills of a schedule III or IV controlled substance through an oral refill authorization transmitted to a pharmacist, or authorized pharmacy intern pursuant to rule 4729-5-21 of the Administrative Code, provided the additional refills do not exceed five refills of the original prescription nor does any refill occur beyond six months from the date of issuance of the original prescription; or
  - (2) The prescriber may authorize additional refills of a schedule V controlled substance or a noncontrolled drug through a refill authorization transmitted to a pharmacist, or authorized pharmacy intern pursuant to rule 4729-5-21 of the Administrative Code, provided that no refill may occur beyond one year from the date of issuance of the original prescription.

All additional refills authorized by the prescriber shall be marked on the original prescription listing full name of the authorizing agent, date, number of refills authorized, and pharmacist receiving the authorization. If an alternative record keeping system is used, this information must also be maintained in that system.

- (D) In the case of a board approved central filling operation in which the pharmacies are accessing the same real time, online database, the serial number used may be the original serial number issued at the originating pharmacy if all of the following requirements are met:
  - (1) The computer system maintains the appropriate records for the prescription so that it is possible to determine the identity of every person involved in the dispensing of the prescription who performs an act that would constitute the practice of pharmacy.
  - (2) The computer system assigns a unique internal code to the prescription so that it is possible to determine the location of the personnel involved in the dispensing as well as the location of the drug stock used in the dispensing function.

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