Institutional Pharmacy & Facility Rules – Effective 2/1/2022

Institutional Pharmacy/Facility Inspection Guide

Effective February 1, 2022, new rules for institutional pharmacies and facilities (Chapter 4729:5-9 of the Administrative Code) go into effect.

To assist licensees in complying with the new rule chapter, the Board recently published an updated institutional inspection guide that can be accessed using the following short link: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/IPFinspect.

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.

Board Pauses Pharmacist Retrospective Review Requirements

To address workforce shortages and to provide additional guidance to institutional pharmacies, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy hereby suspends the enforcement of new retrospective drug utilization review requirements in paragraph 4729:5-9-02.6 (F) until further notice.

This resolution does not exempt an institutional pharmacy from complying with the remaining provisions of rule 4729:5-9-02.6 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

REMINDER: Institutional Pharmacy/Facility Inspection Guide
Continuing Education Opportunity

To assist with the implementation of the new rules, the Board developed a free, one-hour jurisprudence quiz. The quiz tests the participant’s knowledge of the new institutional pharmacy/facility rules and will provide one contact hour (0.1 CEU) of State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy approved jurisprudence (for pharmacists and registered pharmacy technicians).

The quiz can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/IPFquiz