



# Board of Pharmacy

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## **Ohio Board of Pharmacy Releases Guidance on the Compounding of GLP-1 Drug Products**

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy (Board) has received inquiries concerning the compounding of GLP-1 (Glucagon-like Peptide-1) medications such as semaglutide and tirzepatide. Semaglutide is available as a commercially available drug product marketed as Ozempic™ and Rybelsus™ for treating diabetes and as Wegovy™ for weight loss. Tirzepatide is available as a commercially available drug product marketed as Mounjaro™ for treating diabetes and as Zepbound™ for weight loss.

To assist licensees in complying with state and federal law on drug compounding, the Board developed the following frequently asked questions document: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/GLP1](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/GLP1)

For questions, please review the [FAQ](#). If you need additional information, the most expedient way to have your questions answered will be to e-mail the Board office by visiting: <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.aspx>.

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## **OARRS Website Update**

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy is excited to announce a new, refreshed version of the OARRS website, now connected to the main Ohio Board of Pharmacy website, which can be accessed at [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OARRS](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OARRS). This new site is still accessible using the existing URL, [www.ohiopmp.gov](http://www.ohiopmp.gov), so licensees will not have to update their existing bookmarks.

The new version of the site is live now. Should you have any questions or have issues regarding the migration, reach out to the OARRS team at [support@pharmacy.ohio.gov](mailto:support@pharmacy.ohio.gov).

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## **New Website Rule Tracker**

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy has created a rule tracker for licensees to track the status of pharmacy rules as they move through the five-year review process. The rule tracker can be accessed on the Board's website at [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/RuleTracker](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/RuleTracker) or by clicking the Rule Changes link under the Laws & Rules section.

For questions regarding the rule tracker, reach out to the Board at [contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov](mailto:contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov).

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# REMINDER: New Outpatient Pharmacy Delivery Rules Now in Effect

Effective 6/30/2025, the Board's new Outpatient Pharmacy Delivery Services rule, OAC [4729:5-5-26](#), goes into effect. The rule applies to all outpatient pharmacies, including non-resident pharmacies, providing delivery services. To assist licensees in complying with this new rule, the Board has made updates to the following inspection guides:

- [Outpatient Pharmacy - Inspection Guide](#)
  - [Non-Resident Terminal Distributor of Dangerous Drugs - Inspection Guide](#)
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## IV and Hydration Clinics - Tips for Patients

Med spas and IV hydration clinics are popping up across Ohio. To make sure you stay healthy and safe, the Ohio Board of Pharmacy created the following guidance document with important tips for patients: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/IVTipsforPatients](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/IVTipsforPatients)

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## Pharmacist and Intern Renewal Reminder

All active pharmacists and pharmacy interns with an expiration date of September 15, 2025, will need to file a renewal application and submit the required renewal fee by the expiration date. Renewal applications opened on Thursday, July 17 and emails were sent out to licensees. For information on renewal continuing education requirements, please review [this guidance document on the Board's website](#).

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## List of Summary Suspensions of Terminal Distributors of Dangerous Drugs (TDDDs)

Pursuant to Section [4729.571\(A\)\(1\)](#) and [\(A\)\(2\)](#) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Board of Pharmacy has the authority to suspend a TDDD's license without a hearing if it determines there is clear and convincing evidence of a danger of immediate and serious harm to others due to either: (1) the method used by the terminal distributor to possess or distribute dangerous drugs; or (2) the method of prescribing dangerous drugs used by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs who holds a terminal distributor license or practices in the employ of or under contract with a terminal distributor.

To view a list of TDDD licenses that have been suspended by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy and instructions on how to look up a license's status using the eLicense Lookup feature, please visit: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TDDDsuspensions](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TDDDsuspensions).

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## Proposed Rules for Comment

For Initial Public Comment

- [Manner of Issuance \(Comments Due 8.1.2025\)](#)

Common Sense Initiative

- [Responsible Person Requirements \(Comments Due 8.11.2025\)](#)

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review

- [August 7, 2025 \(Schedule I Controlled Substances, Emergency Medical Services\)](#)
- [August 19, 2025 \(Pain Management Clinics, First Aid Departments, Laboratories,](#)

## Substance Abuse and Mental Health Resources for Healthcare Professionals

The healthcare profession is not immune to substance use disorders and mental health conditions. Such medical conditions impair a healthcare professional's competency, ability, and judgement. Substance use disorders and/or mental health conditions that are left untreated may not only cause a healthcare professional to risk their career but may also endanger the life of a patient.

These medical conditions can be effectively treated, and it is possible for healthcare professionals that are in treatment or recovery to return to practice.

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy encourages all healthcare professionals who may be struggling with a substance use disorder or mental health condition to seek help. Our rules encourage you to seek help if you need it, with no fear of reprisal or repercussions. Specifically, the Board's [duty to report rules](#) do not require reporting to the Board if a licensee voluntarily seeks treatment for a mental health condition or substance use disorder.

For more information about the available substance abuse and mental health resources for healthcare professionals, visit: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Recovery](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Recovery)

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## PMPAware Emails

As phishing scams become increasingly sophisticated, the Board of Pharmacy understands and encourages caution when opening emails – especially those that contain links or requests for personal information, such as log in credentials. Protecting your online data is of the utmost importance to us.

We have received concerns over the legitimacy of emails received from [no-reply@ohio.PMPAWARE.net](mailto:no-reply@ohio.PMPAWARE.net). We want to assure you that these emails are legitimate and safe to engage with.

Emails from [no-reply@ohio.PMPAWARE.net](mailto:no-reply@ohio.PMPAWARE.net) are communication regarding the OARRS program such as providing information on important program updates and features or serving as a reminder that your account password needs to be reset. OARRS passwords are set to expire after 180 days.

Example email:

From: [no-reply@ohio.PMPAWARE.net](mailto:no-reply@ohio.PMPAWARE.net) <[no-reply@ohio.PMPAWARE.net](mailto:no-reply@ohio.PMPAWARE.net)>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 9:05 AM  
To: Miller, Grant <[Grant.Miller@pharmacy.ohio.gov](mailto:Grant.Miller@pharmacy.ohio.gov)>  
Subject: Courtesy Reminder from Ohio Board of Pharmacy

This is a courtesy reminder from Ohio Board of Pharmacy. Your account password will expire in 1 day(s).

To set a new password:  
[log in](#) to your Ohio Board of Pharmacy account.

If you are unable to access your account:  
[reset your password](#) and follow the instructions.

The following criteria must be met for user passwords:

1. Changed on a regular basis
2. Contain a minimum of 8 characters including one lower case letter, one upper case letter and one special character (i.e. !, @, #, \$, etc.)
3. Cannot reuse one of your last 12 passwords

Sincerely,  
The Ohio Board of Pharmacy Team

In a world where cybercriminals are getting more convincing every day, we applaud your caution and diligence. If an email ever feels “off”, take a moment to verify its legitimacy. Common red flags include:

- Poor spelling or grammar
- Urgent demands for money or information
- Suspicious attachments or mismatched URLs

Before clicking any link, hover over it to check the URL. It should direct you to a recognizable and secure website associated with the Board of Pharmacy

Emails from the Board of Pharmacy will come from one of the following domains:

- [@pharmacy.ohio.gov](#) – general notifications/communications
- [@PMPAWARE.net](#) – OARRS system communications

If you are in doubt about the legitimacy of any emails claiming to be from the Board of Pharmacy, please contact us directly. Questions regarding OARRS can be directed to [support@pharmacy.ohio.gov](mailto:support@pharmacy.ohio.gov). General questions can be directed to [contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov](mailto:contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov).

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## Be Vigilant - Watch Out for Scammers!

***BOARD STAFF DO NOT ASK FOR MONEY OVER THE PHONE OR VIA EMAIL TO RESOLVE PENDING INVESTIGATIONS. WHEN IN DOUBT, PLEASE CONTACT THE BOARD IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE THE TARGET OF A SCAM.***

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy continues to learn that licensees are being targeted by scammers who claim to work for various governmental agencies (Board of Pharmacy, DEA, FBI, Department of Justice, etc.) to obtain money from the target. The Board strongly encourages licensees to be alert to avoid scammers.

Scammers may try to initiate contact via phone calls, emails, faxes, and letters purporting to originate from various state and federal agencies that include allegations of drug trafficking and threats of suspension against the target's license.

Board of Pharmacy investigators will not ask for fine payment or personal/sensitive information over the phone and will never contact licensees via fax. As a reminder, administrative fines issued by the Board are not paid via gift cards or cryptocurrency. If the Board of Pharmacy is conducting an investigation and that individual faces action against their license, they will receive an official notice of opportunity for a hearing either via certified mail, personal service, or electronic registered mail.

If you are contacted by a scammer, please report this information using the Board's online complaint form: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/complaint](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/complaint). Additionally, reports should be made to your local law enforcement agency.

If you receive any suspicious calls or correspondence purporting to be from the Board of Pharmacy, we encourage you to call (614-466-4143) or email ([contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov](mailto:contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov)) the Board to confirm its legitimacy.



*People call, text, and chat the 988 Lifeline to talk about a lot of emotional needs—not just thoughts of suicide. Whatever your reason, the #988Lifeline is there to help. There is hope.*

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