



# Board of Pharmacy

## Board of Pharmacy Announces Inspection Guide Updates and Replacement of Pick-Up Station Rule

### Pick-Up Station Rule Rescinded & Replaced Effective April 1, 2026

Effective April 1, 2026, the Board is rescinding the current pick-up station rule (OAC [4729:5-5-14](#)) and replacing it with OAC [4729:5-3-24](#) - Dispensing Dangerous Drugs to an Alternate Location. To assist licensees, the Board updated all applicable inspection guides with a new section (Dispensing Dangerous Drugs to an Alternate Location). To access the Board's inspection guides, visit: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/inspection](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/inspection)

### Updates to Non-Pharmacy Inspection Guides

The Board recently updated the following non-pharmacy TDDD inspection guides to reflect rule changes that are set to take effect on April 1, 2026.

- [Pain Management Clinics](#) – 4729:5-11
- [First Aid Departments](#) – 4729:5-13
- [Animal Shelters](#) – 4729:5-15
- [Laboratories](#) – 4729:5-16
- [Clinic and Prescriber Offices](#) – 4729:5-19
- [Veterinary Clinics](#) – 4729:5-20
- [Opioid Treatment Programs](#) – 4729:5-21
- [Non-limited Facilities](#) – 4729:5-22
- [Limited Facilities](#) – 4729:5-23

In general, these changes affect the following sections of the inspection guides:

Section Updated	Summary of Changes
Drug and Hypodermic Security	Removed references to “registered nurses” and now allows all nurses (not just registered nurses) access to <i>patient-specific</i> controlled substances. (Effective April 1, 2026)
Personally Furnishing	Updated section to clarify that a prescriber is not permitted to personally furnish any immediate-use compounded drug preparations. (Effective April 1, 2026)
Personally Furnishing	Removed all record keeping requirements for personally furnishing an overdose reversal drug and refers to the Board's guidance: <a href="http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/ORD">www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/ORD</a> . (Effective April 1, 2026)

Personally Furnishing	Added new requirements for prescribers who mail or deliver prescriptions to patients. (Effective April 1, 2026)
Dispensing Dangerous Drugs to an Alternate Location (Replaces Pick-Up Stations)	Updated section to reflect the adoption of OAC <a href="#">4729:5-3-24</a> (Dispensing Dangerous Drugs to an Alternate Location) to replace OAC 4729:5-5-14 (Prescription Pick-Up Station). (Effective April 1, 2026)

For specific changes, licensees should review the rule updates by visiting the Register of Ohio website (<https://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/rules/search>) and the update history of the applicable inspection guide: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/inspection](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/inspection)

### Opioid Treatment Program Updates

In addition to the changes listed above, the following changes are being made to the Board's Opioid Treatment Program rules:

Section Updated	Summary of Changes
Required Notifications or Document Submissions	Added link to the <a href="#">Mobile Clinic, Medication Unit, or Mobile OTP Satellite Form</a> . (Effective April 1, 2026)
Mobile Opioid Treatment Programs	Added new section for mobile OTP programs.

### Outpatient Pharmacy Inspection Guide Updates

The Board added new sections to the [outpatient pharmacy inspection guide](#):

Section Updated	Summary of Changes
Dispensing Dangerous Drugs to an Alternate Location (Replaces Pick-Up Stations)	Updated section to reflect the adoption of OAC <a href="#">4729:5-3-24</a> (Dispensing Dangerous Drugs to an Alternate Location) to replace OAC 4729:5-5-14 (Prescription Pick-Up Station). (Effective April 1, 2026)
Drug Administration (Non-Immunization)	Updated to reflect recent update to OAC 4729:1-3-03. (Effective January 7, 2026)

### Institutional Pharmacy Inspection Guide Updates

The Board added a new section to the [institutional pharmacy inspection guide](#):

Section Updated	Summary of Changes
Drug Administration (Non-Immunization)	Updated to reflect recent update to OAC 4729:1-3-03. (Effective January 7, 2026)



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