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Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has published its annual report for Fiscal Year 2016. The report highlights the Board's efforts to combat Ohio's drug overdose epidemic, along with individual updates for the Board's different departments.

To view the full report, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/2016Report.

Senate Bill 319 Adopted

This month, the Ohio General Assembly adopted Gov. Kasich's 2016 Mid-Biennium Review, Senate Bill 319. The new legislation is aimed at fighting opiate addiction, and includes the following changes related to the Board of Pharmacy:

- **Licensure of Pharmacy Technicians:** Ohio's estimated 42,000 pharmacy technicians will now be required to register with the Board of Pharmacy. Registration can ensure uniformity in the background-check process and see to it that all technicians maintain a set level of competency through continuing education.
 - **Licensure of Office-Based Opioid Treatment Clinics:** In order to ensure buprenorphine is appropriately prescribed and to increase the success of this form of treatment, facilities where prescribers treat 30 individuals or more will be subject to licensure by the Board of Pharmacy unless the facility is a licensed hospital or is already certified by the state.
 - **Expanding Access to Naloxone:** In an effort to build on previous measures that increased access to this life-saving antidote through Ohio pharmacies, Senate Bill 319 allows facilities that regularly interact with high-risk individuals to have onsite access to naloxone. Facilities that could benefit from this measure include homeless shelters, halfway houses, schools and treatment centers.
 - **Licensure of Sole Proprietors:** An exemption in current Ohio law allows sole proprietors – medical doctors, veterinarians, dentists and other healthcare professionals in private practices – to distribute controlled substances to their patients without any oversight from the Ohio Board of Pharmacy. Licensure by the Board of Pharmacy will provide greater oversight of healthcare providers who store, administer and dispense dangerous drugs from their offices by providing safeguards to prevent theft or misuse of these highly addictive substances.
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New Requirements for Notification of Change of Responsible Person

[Rule 4729-5-11](#) states that when there is a change of responsible person for a location licensed as a terminal distributor, the Board of Pharmacy shall be notified of the change within **10 days** of the effective date of the appointment of the new responsible person. The Board encourages all licensees to comply to this rule, as failure to do so could result in disciplinary action.

2017 Rules Review Committee Application

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy is currently seeking members for the Board's 2017 Rules Review Committee. This Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee, composed of pharmacists from a diverse array of practice settings, is responsible for reviewing all rules prior to their legislatively mandated five-year review date. It also proposes changes to current rules as well as reviews and recommends changes proposed by the Board. The Committee is composed of Ohio licensed pharmacists in good standing and typically meets two to three times per year in Columbus for half-day meetings. To be considered for the Committee, please complete the application and submit a current resume or curriculum vitae by **January 9, 2017**.

The application and additional instructions can be downloaded here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/2017Rule.
