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**February & March 2017 Rules Update**

A summary of rule changes taking effect in February and March can be found by visiting:  
[www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/FebMar2017Rules](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/FebMar2017Rules).

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**New Requirements for Opioid Prescriptions**

On January 4, 2017, SB 319 was signed by Governor Kasich. This law (effective 4/6/2017) includes the following provisions as they relate to **outpatient prescriptions** for opioid analgesics:

**14-day Prescriptions for Opioid Analgesics:** The law generally prohibits a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or terminal distributor from dispensing or selling an opioid analgesic pursuant to a prescription if the drug is to be used on an outpatient basis and more than 14 days have elapsed since the prescription was issued. Note: 14-day limit does not apply to subsequent refills.

**90-day Supply:** The law limits the authority of a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or terminal distributor of dangerous drugs to dispense or sell an opioid analgesic pursuant to a prescription for a drug to be used on an outpatient basis. It prohibits dispensing or selling more than a 90-day supply of the drug, as determined according to the prescription's instructions for use of the drug, regardless of whether the prescription was issued for a greater amount.

These provisions are set to take effect on **April 6, 2017**. For questions regarding these changes, please visit:  
[www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OpioidRequirements](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OpioidRequirements).

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**CPE Quiz**

The 2017 CPE program and quiz covering topics from the 2016 State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy Newsletters is available on the Board of Pharmacy website by visiting: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/2017CPEQuiz](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/2017CPEQuiz).

A passing grade of 75% is required. Participants have two opportunities to pass the quiz. The quiz will provide one contact hour (0.1 CEUs) of board-approved jurisprudence credit. The course will be available **until January 31, 2018**. Credit earned for this program is not reported to NABP's CPE monitor. It is your responsibility to keep a copy of your certificate to use in the event of any audits.

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**Changes to CTP Number for Physician Assistants**

Please be advised that the Medical Board no longer issues separate Certificate to Prescribe (CTP) numbers for physician assistants (PA). Instead, a PA's authority to prescribe is now designated by their license number with an "RX" at the end (for example, 50.xxxxxxRX). The "RX" at the end of a PA license number meets the requirements for the CTP pursuant to rule 4729-5-30 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

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