



**E-NEWS UPDATE
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First Quarter 2018 Rules Update

The Board of Pharmacy recently adopted a number rule changes impacting pharmacists, interns, technicians, terminal distributors and drug distributors in the first quarter of 2018. An overview of the rule changes and links to the rule text can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/2018Q1.

Oseltamivir Product Availability

To assist pharmacies who may be currently experiencing a shortage of oseltamivir products, the Board has developed the following guidance document that can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/fluShortage.

Influenza Outbreak Management in Long-Term Care Facilities by Emergency Protocol

The Board adopted a resolution authorizing the use of protocols in long-term care facilities for the administration of influenza antiviral treatment and chemoprophylaxis to residents and health care personnel. More information on this resolution can be accessed by visiting: <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/fluprotocol>.

Board Approves Additional Third-Party Intermediary for E-to-Fax Transmissions Resulting from a Temporary Telecommunications Outage

As a reminder, no prescriptions may be transmitted by means of an electronic prescription transmission system or computerized prescriber order entry system that converts the prescription or order into a computer-generated fax or scanned image (rule 4729-5-30 of the Ohio Administrative Code).

This prohibition does not apply to a board approved third-party intermediary if the conversion is necessitated by a temporary telecommunication outage of the intermediary or receiving pharmacy.

The following third-party intermediaries have been approved by the Board:

1. Surescripts (Approved 12/11/2017)
2. eRx Network (Approved 2/7/2018)

For more information on this change, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/approval.
