



Emergency Rule for Dispensing Chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine – Effective 3/22/2020

On March 22, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine authorized the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy to file emergency rule 4729-5-30.2 of the Administrative Code, which reads:

4729-5-30.2 – Prescription requirements for chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine

(A) Unless otherwise approved by the board’s executive director, no prescription for chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine may be dispensed by a pharmacist or sold at retail by a licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs unless all the following apply:

- (1) The prescription bears a written diagnosis code from the prescriber; and
- (2) If written for a COVID-19 diagnosis, the diagnosis has been confirmed by a positive test result, which is documented on the prescription and both of the following apply:
 - (a) The prescription is limited to no more than a fourteen-day supply; and
 - (b) No refills may be permitted unless a new prescription is furnished.

(B) Prescriptions for either presumptive positive patients or prophylactic use of chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine related to COVID-19 is strictly prohibited unless otherwise approved by the board’s executive director in consultation with the board president, at which time a resolution shall issue.

This rule is now effective and enforceable.

To assist licensees in complying with this rule, the Board has developed the following frequently asked questions document: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVIDrx

If you need additional information, the most expedient way to have your questions answered is to e-mail the Board by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.
