Nurses Personally Furnishing Non-Controlled Drug Samples

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To address patient access to medication during the COVID-19 outbreak, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the following guidance authorizing prescribers to delegate personally furnishing non-controlled drug samples to nurses licensed in accordance with Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.

This guidance is being issued in accordance with a Board resolution adopted on March 2, 2020.

A prescriber at a location licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs may delegate the act of personally furnishing non-controlled drug samples to a nurse (RN/LPN) licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code. The nurse must have a documented order by a prescriber and must document the act of personally furnishing using positive identification. The nurse shall be responsible for ensuring the sample is properly labeled in accordance with rule 4729:5-19-02 of the Administrative Code.

This guidance shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board.