



Approved Third-Party Intermediaries

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Effective April 13, 2026, the Ohio Board of Pharmacy is no longer approving third-party intermediaries in accordance with the following resolution:

The Board hereby waives the third-party intermediary approval process pursuant to paragraph (C) of OAC 4729:5-3-11. While the Board is waiving approval, licensees are expected to comply with all other applicable requirements of the rule, including the following:

(4) A non-controlled prescription may be transmitted by means of an electronic prescription transmission system that converts the prescription into a computer-generated fax or scanned image if the transmission is conducted by means of a system that meets the prescription requirements of rule [4729:5-5-15](#) of the Administrative Code and either of the following apply.

(a) The prescription transmission system operates within a closed-system. A closed system includes any system whereby prescription information is transmitted directly between:

(i) Any division, subsidiary, parent or affiliated or related company under common ownership and control; or

(ii) One or more contracted entities. Contracted means having a written agreement (to include business associate agreements) between one or more prescribers and a pharmacy and shall not include a third-party intermediary unless otherwise approved by the board.

(b) The transmission of a prescription for compounded total parenteral nutrition for dispensation by a pharmacy.

(5) A non-controlled prescription may be converted into a computer-generated fax by a third-party intermediary only if the conversion is necessitated by a temporary telecommunication outage of the third-party intermediary or receiving pharmacy.

With the adoption of this resolution, a non-controlled prescription may only be transmitted by an electronic system that converts the prescription into a computer-generated fax or scanned image in one of the following scenarios:

1. By a system for the transmission of non-controlled prescriptions that converts the prescription into a computer-generated fax or scanned image if transmitted within a closed system.
2. The transmission of a prescription for compounded total parenteral nutrition for dispensation by a pharmacy.
3. By a third-party intermediary if the conversion is necessitated by a temporary telecommunication outage of the intermediary or receiving pharmacy.

IMPORTANT: Any prescription or order above must contain all required prescription information in accordance OAC [4729:5-5-15](#).