

Request for Comment: Accessible Pharmacy Services

Comments Due 11/2/23

To promote improved access to pharmacy services, the Board is proposing a rule requiring outpatient pharmacies to provide information to the Board about what accessible services are available to patients.

This rule will be used to create a directory of pharmacies that offer services to the following patients:

- 1. Translation services for patients with limited English proficiency.
- 2. Services for patients who are hard of hearing.
- 3. Services, such as prescription readers, for patients with low vision.

The rule will not mandate a pharmacy offer such services. Instead, it will be used to create a directory for Ohio patients. Notification will consist of an initial electronic form submitted to the Board (with chains being able to provide spreadsheets, if needed). This data will then be collected and updated during the licensure renewal process.

A copy of the rule text and instructions for submitting comments can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/AccessRuleText

Comments are due by November 2, 2023.

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