



Board of Pharmacy

Updated Home Medical Equipment Services Provider Rules - Effective 7/1/2025

Effective 7/1/2025, the following home medical equipment (HME) services provider rules go into effect:

- [4729:11-1-01](#): Definitions – home medical equipment. **(AMEND)**
- [4729:11-2-01](#): Licensure, registration and renewal. **(AMEND)**
- [4729:11-2-02](#): Designated representative. **(AMEND)**
- [4729:11-2-03](#): Applications. **(AMEND)**
- [4729:11-2-04](#): Recognized accrediting bodies. **(NO CHANGE)**
- [4729:11-2-05](#): Change in description of a HME services provider or discontinuation of business. **(AMEND)**
- [4729:11-3-01](#): Minimum standards for licensed home medical equipment services providers. **(AMEND)**
- [4729:11-3-02](#): Record keeping. **(AMEND)**
- [4729:11-3-03](#): Inspections and corrective actions. **(AMEND)**
- [4729:11-3-04](#): Continuing education. **(NO CHANGE)**
- [4729:11-3-05](#): Advertising and solicitation. **(AMEND)**
- [4729:11-3-06](#): Minimum standards for registered home medical equipment services providers. **(NEW)**
- [4729:11-4-01](#): Disciplinary actions. **(AMEND)**

(Click on the rule number to access the full text of the rule and to familiarize yourself with the changes)

Please note the Board of Pharmacy added one new rule, [4729:11-3-06](#), that establishes the minimum standards for a registered HME Services Provider. It closely mirrors the layout of [4729:11-3-01](#), which discusses the minimum standards requirements for licensed HME Services Providers.

The Board has updated its HME inspection guides to reflect the upcoming changes to these rules. Among these changes:

- A question was added to the Licensed HME Service Provider inspection guide regarding restricting access to client records and home medical equipment to employees and authorized contractors only. To view this updated guide, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/HMELicensed.
- A Minimum Standards section was added to the Registered HME Service Provider inspection guide to reflect the addition of [4729:11-3-06](#). To view this guide, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/HMERegistered.

Reminder of Compliance with Federal Rules for Registered HME Services Providers

For registered HME Services Providers and approved accrediting bodies, the Ohio Revised Code (ORC [4752.09](#)) requires compliance with the following:

Federal rules issued pursuant to the Medicare program established under Title XVIII of the

"Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620(1935), 42 U.S.C. 1395, as amended, relating to operations, financial transactions, and general business practices of home medical services providers.

Therefore, registered entities and accrediting bodies are advised that they should comply with all applicable federal rules on supplier and quality standards including, but not limited to, the following:

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services "Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, And Supplies (DMEPOS) Quality Standards" (**NOTE:** This specific standard is referenced in OAC [4729:11-3-06](#))

Failure for registered HME services providers to comply with these standards is considered a violation of ORC 4752.09 (B)(12) and may subject the registrant to administrative sanctions.

Additional Questions

For questions regarding the rules, the most expedient way to have them answered will be to e-mail the Board office by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact



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