



Board of Pharmacy

Ohio Board of Pharmacy Finalizes Updated Rules on Emergency Medical Service Organizations

Effective December 1, 2025, updates to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy's rules for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) organizations go into effect.

To review these changes, use the links below:

- [4729:5-14-01 – Emergency medical services - definitions.](#) (AMEND)
- [4729:5-14-02 – Licensure.](#) (AMEND)
- [4729:5-14-03 – Security and control of dangerous drugs.](#) (NEW – REPLACES CURRENT RULE)
- [4729:5-14-04 – Record keeping.](#) (AMEND)
- [4729:5-14-05 – Protocols and verbal orders for drug administration.](#) (NEW)

EMS Inspection Guide and FAQ Released

To assist licensees in complying with these rule updates, the Board developed a comprehensive inspection guide and frequently asked questions document, which can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/EMSinspect. This guide aligns with internal guidance used by Board inspectors and allows licensees to conduct self-inspections to maintain compliance. This [guide](#) replaces the previous EMS frequently asked questions document.

IMPORTANT: This guide is intended for compliance with new EMS rules that are effective **December 1, 2025**. During this implementation period and to encourage early adoption, EMS organizations that demonstrate compliance with the new rules will be deemed compliant by Board staff.

Have Questions?

For questions regarding the rule updates, licensees can e-mail the Board office by visiting: <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.aspx>.



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