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Board Issues Updated Minimum Standards Guidance

Effective 5/1/2024, Ohio's new rules on outpatient pharmacy minimum standards go into effect. To ensure compliance with the new rules, the Board issued a guidance document (updated as of 4/26/2024), which can be accessed here: **www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/minstandard**.

The Board of Pharmacy is Rebranding!

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy, along with other state agencies, is currently rebranding. As we go through the process of updating our website, licensees may receive automatic email updates of older documents that are being rebranded and reposted to the website. To determine whether a document posted is new or just being updated for branding purposes, licensees can look at the date that the document's content was last updated, which is always in red at the top of the first page.

How Pharmacies Can Prep Now for DSCSA Requirements

When Congress enacted the **Drug Supply Chain Security Act** (DSCSA) in 2013, it set a 10-year timeline for full implementation. To assist pharmacies in preparing for these new requirements, NABP developed the following resource page: **https://nabp.pharmacy/news/blog/how-pharmacies-can-prep-now-for-the-2023-dscsa-requirements/**

Pharmacists: Utilize DSCSA Requirements to Protect Your Patients

Pharmacists, or "dispensers" under the Drug Supply Chain Security Act, need to know their responsibilities under the DSCSA to protect patients from receiving harmful drug products. The FDA released the following article discussing what pharmacists can do to further secure our nation's drug supply: **https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-supply-chain-security-act-dscsa/pharmacists-utilize-dscsa-requirements-protect-your-patients**

There is also a resource page to house educational information that dispensers may find useful to assist in implementation of the DSCSA: **https://dscsa.pharmacy/resources/**

Board Releases FY 2023 Annual Report

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy has released its FY 2023 Annual Report. The report can be accessed here: https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/documents/pubs/reports/annualreports/fy%202023%20annual%20report.pdf

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Licensee Scam Warning

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy continues to learn that licensees are being targeted by scammers who claim to work for various governmental agencies (Board of Pharmacy, DEA, FBI, Department of Justice, etc.) to obtain money from the target. The Board strongly encourages licensees to be alert to avoid scammers.

Scammers may try to initiate contact via phone calls, emails, faxes, and letters purporting to originate from various state and federal agencies that include allegations of drug trafficking and threats of suspension against the target's license.

Board of Pharmacy investigators will not ask for fine payment or personal/sensitive information over the phone and will never contact licensees via fax. As a reminder, administrative fines issued by the Board are not paid via gift cards or cryptocurrency. If the Board of Pharmacy is conducting an investigation and that individual faces action against their license, they will receive an official notice of opportunity for a hearing either via certified mail or by personal service.

If you are contacted by a scammer, please report this information using the Board's online complaint form: **www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/complaint**. Additionally, reports should be made to your local law enforcement agency.

If you receive any suspicious calls or correspondence purporting to be from the Board of Pharmacy, we encourage you to call (614-466-4143) or email (**contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov**) the Board to confirm its legitimacy.

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