

OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY

Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy
and Drug Law Compliance.

From the Director's Desk

Dear Ohio Pharmacists,
April 25 was National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, which aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of prescription drugs, while educating the general public about the potential for the abuse of medications. The Ohio Board of Pharmacy encourages you to inform your patients about safely disposing of unused prescription drugs.

For collection site locations, please visit <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>.

The Board has also published resources to help Ohio residents find drug disposal boxes throughout the year. To access the disposal box locators, please visit www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/DrugDisposal.

Thank you for all that you do to keep Ohioans safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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Remote Dispensing Pharmacy Applications Are Live

On April 6, 2026, rules on the operation of remote dispensing pharmacies went into effect (Ohio Administrative Code [OAC] 4729:5-18). A remote dispensing pharmacy is a pharmacy where the dispensing of drugs, patient counseling, and

other pharmacist care is provided through a telepharmacy system. To view the rules in full, click on the links below.

- [4729:5-18-01: Definitions - remote dispensing pharmacies](#)

Remote Dispensing Pharmacy Applications Are Live (cont)

- 4729:5-18-02: Licensure of remote dispensing pharmacies
- 4729:5-18-03: Demonstration of need
- 4729:5-18-04: Operation of a remote dispensing pharmacy
- 4729:5-18-05: Personnel requirements
- 4729:5-18-06: Technology requirements for a telepharmacy system
- 4729:5-18-07: Security requirements for a remote dispensing pharmacy

For more information, including the requirements for operating a remote dispensing pharmacy and how to apply, visit <https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/RDPPage>.

Attention Compounding Pharmacies: Board Adopts New USP <797> and USP <795> Standards – Enforcement Begins on February 28, 2027

On February 28, 2026, revisions to [OAC 4729:7-1-01](#) went into effect. These revisions require compliance with the newest versions of United States Pharmacopeia (USP) <797> and USP <795> (both adopted by USP on March 1, 2023). While the rule went into effect on February 28, 2026, the Board has extended the enforcement date of the rule until **February 28, 2027**.

To assist both Ohio and nonresident pharmacies in complying with these new standards, the Board updated its compounding guidance documents:

- *Pharmacy Compounding in Ohio* (www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/pharmcompound)
- *Non-Resident Pharmacy Compounding in Ohio* (www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/NRPcompound)

For questions regarding pharmacy compounding standards, please review these documents. If you need additional information, the most expedient way to have your questions answered is to email the Board office by visiting www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.

Wildlife Animal Rehabilitation Facility Licensure Has Begun

Effective since March 4, 2026, [Ohio Revised Code 4729.531](#) allows a wild animal rehabilitation facility (WARF) to obtain from the Board a limited terminal distributor of dangerous drugs (TDDD) license solely for purchasing, possessing, and administering drugs for euthanizing animals, as well as pre-euthanizing drugs for inducing anesthesia, sedation, or unconsciousness.

Please be advised that the Board cannot issue a limited TDDD license to a WARF until it has at least one

agent or employee certified as a euthanasia technician. Approved euthanasia certification courses can be accessed at <https://ovmlb.ohio.gov/maintaining-your-license/continuing-education>.

To assist WARFs in obtaining licensure and compliance with Ohio law and rules, the Board developed a guidance document that can be found at www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/WARF. If you need additional information, the quickest way to have your questions answered is to email the Board office by visiting www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.

FDA Guidance Document Applicability in Ohio

The Board has received inquiries regarding how Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidance impacts enforcement in Ohio. To assist licensees, the Board developed a guidance document that clarifies its position on this topic. This guidance can be accessed by visiting www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/FDAguide.

Inspection Guide Update – CS Inventories

The Board recently received updated guidance from Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regarding the requirements for conducting controlled substance (CS) inventories. According to DEA, CS shall be deemed to be “on hand” if in the possession or under the control

of the TDDD, including CS that are personally furnished or dispensed but not yet distributed to the patient (eg, prescriptions waiting to be picked up), complimentary supplies, samples, and expired or adulterated CS awaiting disposal.

All applicable inspection guides were updated on March 27, 2026, to reflect this updated guidance. The Board’s inspection guides can be accessed by visiting www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/inspection.

OARRS Guidance: Reporting Gabapentin Prescriptions From Veterinarians Without a DEA Registration

The Board has been made aware of instances where pharmacies are requesting DEA registration numbers for gabapentin prescriptions issued by veterinarians. As a reminder, gabapentin is not a CS in Ohio, so a veterinarian is not required to have a DEA registration number to prescribe the medication. Additionally, veterinarians do not have National Provider Identifier (NPI) numbers.

As stated in the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) data submission guide, here are the instructions for submitting gabapentin dispensation data if a prescriber does not have a DEA registration or an NPI number:

- If the prescriber does not have a DEA number, enter “OH1111119”

in PRE02 (Prescriber DEA Number) and populate PRE01 (Prescriber NPI).

- If the prescriber does not have an NPI number, enter “1234567893” in PRE01 (Prescriber NPI Number) and populate PRE04 (Prescriber State License Number).

Pharmacist Exam Application Information for New Graduates

The Board recently sent out instructions and information on the requirements and process to apply for a pharmacist license in the state of Ohio for new graduates. The full guidance is available on the Board’s website [here](#). To ensure that you are

approved to test upon graduation, follow the steps outlined in the guidance document closely.

You are also encouraged to check the status of your pharmacy intern license by visiting elicense.ohio.gov/OH_HomePage. Graduates with

an active intern license will still be permitted to work under that license until their pharmacist license is granted.

For questions, please email licensing@pharmacy.ohio.gov. Board staff will reply as quickly as possible.

2026 CPE Law Quiz

The Board is pleased to provide a new 2026 continuing pharmacy education (CPE) law quiz covering 2025 Ohio Board of Pharmacy newsletters for pharmacists and registered pharmacy technicians.

The Board encourages participants to first save a copy of the test and research the answers before taking the test. You will have only two attempts to pass the quiz. The Board does not submit passing results to

CPE Monitor®. Please keep a copy of any certificate awarded in passing this quiz. Successful completion of the quiz provides one contact hour (0.1 CEU) of Ohio Board of Pharmacy-approved jurisprudence.

2026 Law and Responsible Person Virtual Presentations

Join the Board for a presentation to learn about the latest developments in pharmacy laws and rules.

2026 Law Review topics will include the following:

- Remote dispensing pharmacies
- Electronic positive identification systems
- Administration of injections by pharmacists
- Updates to state and federal laws and rules

Prescriber Clinics/Med Spas topics will include the following:

- Top 10 violations seen in inspections
- Appropriate drug procurement
- How to identify illegitimate drug products
- Prescriber clinic inspection guide and resources

Responsible Person 101 topics will include the following:

- Duties and responsibilities of a responsible person

- General requirements of a TDDD
- An overview of resources available to a responsible person
- Responsible person requirements

Who Should Attend?

2026 Law Review: Pharmacists, pharmacy interns, registered or certified pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy compliance staff employed by outpatient/community-based pharmacies

Responsible Person 101: Anyone who is or will be a responsible person for a TDDD

Prescriber Clinics/Med Spas: Clinicians, office managers, and legal counsel

For more information, visit www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/lawreview.

Licensee Scam Warning

The Board continues to learn that licensees are being targeted by scammers who claim to work for various governmental agencies (Board of Pharmacy, DEA, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, etc) in attempts to extort money. The Board strongly encourages licensees to be on 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.

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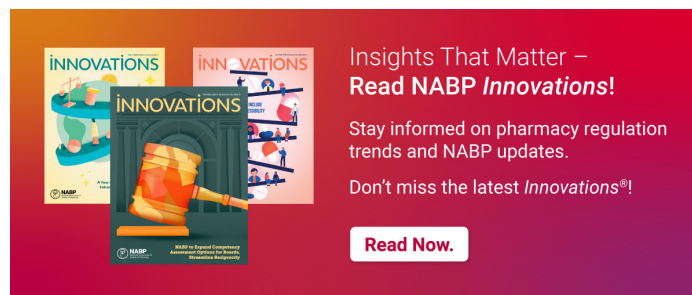
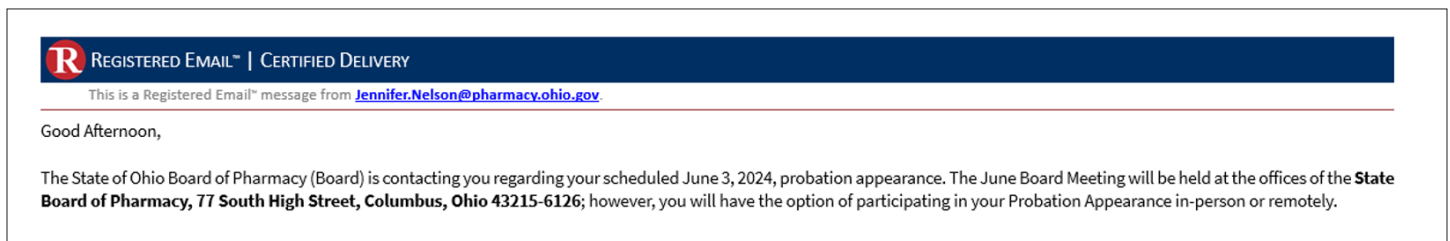
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Board investigators will not ask for fine payment or personal/sensitive information over the phone and will never contact licensees via fax. As a reminder, administrative fines issued by the Board are not paid via gift cards or cryptocurrency. If the Board is investigating and an 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](#). 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, you are encouraged to call (614/466-4143) or email (contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov) the Board to confirm its legitimacy.

As licensees become more vigilant about looking out for scams, the Board would like to remind all licensees that official electronic registered mail from the Board of Pharmacy will sometimes have a **Registered Email | Certified Delivery** banner across the top, like in the image below. Emails with this banner are official correspondence from the Ohio Board of Pharmacy.



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