



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3715.501 Overdose reversal drugs prescribed or furnished without examination.

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(A) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of the Revised Code or of any rule adopted by the state board of pharmacy, state medical board, or board of nursing, both of the following apply:

(1) A physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse may issue a prescription for an overdose reversal drug, or personally furnish a supply of the drug, without having examined the individual to whom it may be administered. The physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse exercising this authority shall provide, to the individual receiving the prescription or supply, instructions regarding the emergency administration of the drug, including a specific instruction to summon emergency services as necessary.

(2) In the event that a prescription for an overdose reversal drug does not include the name of the individual to whom the drug may be administered, a pharmacist or pharmacy intern may dispense the drug to the individual who received the prescription.

(B)(1) A physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse who in good faith exercises the authority conferred by division (A)(1) of this section is not liable for or subject to any of the following for any act or omission of the individual to whom a prescription for an overdose reversal drug is issued or the supply of such a drug is furnished: damages in any civil action, prosecution in any criminal proceeding, or professional disciplinary action.

(2) A pharmacist or pharmacy intern who in good faith exercises the authority conferred by division (A)(2) of this section is not liable for or subject to any of the following: damages in any civil action, prosecution in any criminal proceeding, or professional disciplinary action.
