



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 4729:5-18-01 Definitions - remote dispensing pharmacies.

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As used in Chapter 4729:5-18 of the Administrative Code:

- (A) "Remote dispensing pharmacy" means a pharmacy where the dispensing of drugs, patient counseling, and other pharmacist care is provided through a telepharmacy system. The dispensing of drugs at a remote dispensing pharmacy may include the dispensing of drug therapy-related devices.
- (B) "Telepharmacy system" means a system that monitors the dispensing of drugs and provides for related drug utilization review and patient counseling services by an electronic method that complies with the requirements of rule 4729:5-18-06 of the Administrative Code. The telepharmacy system shall include the following technologies:
  - (1) Audio and video;
  - (2) Still image capture; and
  - (3) Store and forward.
- (C) "Surveillance system" means a system providing continuous video footage of the remote dispensing pharmacy that is recorded and stored for at least sixty days and complies with the requirements of rule 4729:5-18-07 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) "Supervising pharmacy" means a pharmacy licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that exclusively oversees the operations of a remote dispensing pharmacy.
- (E) "Supervising pharmacist" means a pharmacist holding a current Ohio license to practice pharmacy who has met the requirements to supervise a remote dispensing pharmacy as described in this chapter.
- (F) "Responsible person" means the same as in rule 4729:5-2-01 of the Administrative Code.
- (G) "Social vulnerability" means the demographic and socioeconomic factors that contribute to communities being more adversely affected by external hazards and stressors that cause disease and injury.
- (H) "Social vulnerability index" or "SVI" means a risk score assigned to communities using U.S. Census data. These data are grouped into four themes that cover four major areas of social vulnerability (household characteristics, house type & transportation, racial & ethnic minority status, and socioeconomic status) and then combined into a single measure of overall social vulnerability. The overall SVI score ranges from 0 (least vulnerable) to 1 (most vulnerable).