



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4729:5-5-05 Prescription format requirements.

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(A) Except as provided in paragraph (E) of this rule, no pharmacist shall dispense dangerous drugs pursuant to a written outpatient prescription unless the following conditions are met:

(1) The prescription is issued in compliance with rule 4729:5-5-15 of the Administrative Code.

(2) If handwritten, typewritten, or computer-generated hard copy, there are no more than three non-controlled substance prescription orders per prescription form.

(3) If preprinted with multiple drug names or strength combinations:

(a) There are no controlled substances among the choices;

(b) There is only one prescription order selected per form.

(B) Except as provided in paragraph (E) of this rule, no pharmacist shall dispense controlled substances pursuant to a written outpatient prescription unless the following conditions are met:

(1) The prescription has been issued in compliance with rule 4729:5-5-15 of the Administrative Code.

(2) The prescription contains only one prescription order per prescription form, whether handwritten, typewritten, computer-generated hard copy, or preprinted.

(3) The quantity has been written both numerically and alphabetically.

(4) If preprinted, there is only one drug and strength combination printed on the form.

(C) A prescription for a controlled substance issued by a medical intern, resident, or fellow as



described in rule 4729:5-1-02 of the Administrative Code may not be dispensed unless the prescription is issued in accordance with this rule and complies with the requirements for drug enforcement administration (D.E.A.) registration numbers for hospital and other institution employed prescribers pursuant to agency 4729 of the Administrative Code.

(D) A prescription for a controlled substance issued by a staff prescriber of a hospital or other institution may not be dispensed unless the prescription is issued in accordance with this rule and complies with either:

(1) The requirements for D.E.A. registration numbers for hospital or other institution employed prescribers pursuant to agency 4729 of the Administrative Code; or

(2) Includes the prescriber's D.E.A. registration number.

(E) For purposes of preprinted outpatient prescription forms for hospice care programs, the following conditions apply:

(1) Preprinted prescription forms may contain multiple orders on one form and the prescriber may select as many drug orders as necessary. Additional prescriptions may be manually added to the form.

(2) Preprinted forms shall not contain prescription orders for schedule II controlled substances. Schedule II controlled substances may be manually added to the preprinted forms and signed by the prescriber.

(3) The prescriber shall indicate on each preprinted form the drug orders authorized on the form by either:

(a) Manually indicating the total drug orders authorized on the form; or

(b) Manually initialing each drug order.

(4) All written drug orders must be signed by the prescriber.



(5) All signed prescriptions may be faxed from the prescriber or the hospice location to the pharmacy.

(6) At the direction of the prescriber, verbal drug orders may be transmitted to the pharmacy by the prescriber's agent, including a hospice nurse, except for schedule II controlled substances.

(7) All schedule II controlled substance prescriptions shall comply with 21 C.F.R. 1306.11 (3/31/2010).