



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3709.161 Liability insurance.

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(A) The board of health of a city or general health district may procure a policy or policies of insurance insuring the members of the board, the health commissioner, and the employees of the board against liability on account of damage or injury to persons and property resulting from any act or omission that occurs in the individual's official capacity as a member or employee of the board or resulting solely out of such membership or employment.

(B)(1) As used in this division, "health care professional" means all of the following:

- (a) A dentist or dental hygienist licensed under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code;
- (b) A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;
- (c) A person licensed under Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code to practice as a pharmacist;
- (d) A person authorized under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code to practice as a physician assistant;
- (e) A person authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatry;
- (f) A psychologist licensed under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code;
- (g) A veterinarian licensed under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code;
- (h) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code;
- (i) An occupational therapist, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, or athletic trainer licensed under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code;



(j) A licensed professional clinical counselor, licensed professional counselor, independent social worker, or social worker licensed under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code;

(k) A dietitian licensed under Chapter 4759. of the Revised Code;

(l) A certified mental health assistant licensed under Chapter 4772. of the Revised Code.

(2) The board of health of a city or general health district may purchase liability insurance for a health care professional with whom the board contracts for the provision of health care services against liability on account of damage or injury to persons and property arising from the health care professional's performance of services under the contract. The policy shall be purchased from an insurance company licensed to do business in this state, if such a policy is available from such a company. The board of health of a city or general health district shall report the cost of the liability insurance policy and subsequent increases in the cost to the director of health on a form prescribed by the director.