



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3719.064 Prerequisites for initiation of medication-assisted treatment.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Medication-assisted treatment" has the same meaning as in section 340.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Prescriber" means any of the following:

(a) An advanced practice registered nurse who holds a current, valid license issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and is designated as a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner;

(b) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery;

(c) A physician assistant who is licensed under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code, holds a valid prescriber number issued by the state medical board, and has been granted physician-delegated prescriptive authority.

(3) "Qualifying practitioner" has the same meaning as in section 303(g)(2)(G)(iii) of the "Controlled Substances Act of 1970," 21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2)(G)(iii), as amended.

(B) Before initiating medication-assisted treatment, a prescriber shall give the patient or the patient's representative information about all drugs approved by the United States food and drug administration for use in medication-assisted treatment. The information must be provided both orally and in writing. The prescriber or the prescriber's delegate shall note in the patient's medical record when this information was provided and make the record available to employees of the board of nursing or state medical board on their request.

If the prescriber is not a qualifying practitioner and the patient's choice is treatment with a controlled



substance containing buprenorphine and the prescriber determines that such treatment is clinically appropriate and meets generally accepted standards of medicine, the prescriber shall refer the patient to a qualifying practitioner. If the patient's choice is methadone treatment and the prescriber determines that such treatment is clinically appropriate and meets generally accepted standards of medicine, the prescriber shall refer the patient to a community addiction services provider licensed under section 5119.391 of the Revised Code. In either case, the prescriber or the prescriber's delegate shall make a notation in the patient's medical record naming the practitioner or provider to whom the patient was referred and specifying when the referral was made.