



Acute Pain Rules - August 31, 2017 Effective Date

Effective August 31, 2017, the State of Ohio will have new rules for prescribing opioid analgesics for the treatment of acute pain. Please be advised, these rules **DO NOT** apply to the use of opioids for the treatment of chronic pain.

In general, the rules limit the prescribing of opioid analgesics for acute pain, as follows:

1. No more than seven days of opioids can be prescribed for adults.
2. No more than five days of opioids can be prescribed for minors, and only after the written consent of the parent or guardian is obtained.
3. Health care providers may prescribe opioids in excess of the day supply limits only if they provide a specific reason in the patient's medical record.
4. Except as provided for in the rules, the total morphine equivalent dose (MED) of a prescription for acute pain cannot exceed an average of 30 MED per day.
5. The new limits do not apply to opioids prescribed for cancer, palliative care, end-of-life/hospice care or medication-assisted treatment for addiction.

To assist prescribers in calculating a patient's morphine equivalent dose, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy developed a conversion chart that can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/MEDtable.

Medical Board Acute Pain Rules

1. [4731-11-01](#) - Definitions (related to controlled substances)
2. [4731-11-02](#) - General provisions (related to controlled substances)
3. [4731-11-13](#) - Prescribing of opioid analgesics for acute pain

Prescription Changes Coming in December 2017

ICD10 Diagnosis Code on Opioid Prescriptions
as of December 29, 2017

Starting December 29, 2017, Pharmacy Board rule [4729-5-30](#) will require prescribers to include the first four characters (ex. M16.5) of the diagnosis code (ICD-10) on opioid prescriptions, which will be entered by the pharmacy into Ohio's prescription monitoring program, OARRS. This requirement will take effect for all other controlled substance prescriptions on June 1, 2018.

Day Supply Prescription Requirement effective
December 29, 2017

Starting December 29, 2017, Pharmacy Board rule [4729-5-30](#) will also require prescribers to indicate the number of days supplied on all controlled substance and gabapentin prescriptions.



eLicense Data Conversion – License Renewal Deadlines

The October 1, 2017 license renewal deadline is fast approaching for MD, DO, DPM, MT and CT licensees with a last name starting with **T-U-V-W-X-Y or Z**. January 1, 2018 is the deadline for those with last names ending in **S**.

The Medical Board has completed the data conversion to the eLicense portal. All initial licensure applications and license renewals are now processed through the portal. Renewal instructions, and a short “how to” video, are available through the “Renew a License:” link on the [Medical Board's website](#).

Renewal fee itemized: The physician licensure renewal fee is \$305. The fee payment in the eLicense system is now itemized to identify \$285 to support Medical Board operations and \$20 to support the Physician Loan Repayment Program (PLRP). This is not a new fee and the total renewal fee has not changed.

The Physician Loan Repayment Program has been in Ohio law since November 1995 and is managed by the Primary Care Office of the Ohio Department of Health. The program provides loan repayment assistance to physicians who commit to practice in underserved areas.

eLicense Transaction Fee: As of July 1, 2017, a \$3.50 eLicense transaction fee is charged to all license transactions that result in the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license served by the eLicense Ohio portal. The revenue generated from this fee is paid to the State of Ohio and supports the operational and maintenance costs of the eLicense Ohio portal. Licensing boards do not receive revenue from this eLicense System Transaction Fee. This fee is nonrefundable.

If you have questions regarding your license renewal send an email to med.renewal@med.ohio.gov.

Board Adopts Rules - August 31, 2017 Effective Date

The Medical Board approved rules addressing medical or osteopathic licensure; drug treatment of chronic pain; training certificates; emeritus registration; and mental or physical impairment. The following amended or new rules will be effective on August 31, 2017.

Click on the Ohio Administrative Code chapter number to read the rules. New or amended wording is underlined. Deleted language is lined out.

The following rules in [Chapter 4731-6](#) relate to medical or osteopathic physician licensure:

- 4731-6-01 Definitions
 - 4731-6-05 Format of medical and osteopathic examination
 - 4731-6-10 Clinical competency examination
 - 4731-6-21 Application procedures for certificate issuance; investigation; notice of hearing rights
 - 4731-6-22 Abandonment and withdrawal of medical and osteopathic licensure applications
 - 4731-6-30 Training certificates
 - 4731-6-32 Visiting faculty certificates
 - 4731-6-33 Special activity certificates
 - 4731-6-34 Volunteer's certificates
- NOTE: The following are unchanged: 4731-6-02, 4731-6-03, 4731-6-04, 4731-6-07, 4731-6-14, 4731-6-15, 4731-6-16, and 4731-6-31*



The following rules in [Chapter 4731-21](#) concern the drug treatment of chronic pain

- 4731-21-01 Definitions
 - 4731-21-02 Utilizing prescription drugs for the treatment of chronic pain
 - 4731-21-03 Continuing medical education
 - 4731-21-04 Tolerance, physical dependence and addiction
 - 4731-21-06 Exceptions
- NOTE: The following is unchanged: 4731-21-05*

The following rules in [Chapter 4731-22](#) concern emeritus registration (applies to MD, DO, DPM, MT & CT licensees only)

- 4731-22-01 Definitions
 - 4731-22-02 Application
 - 4731-22-07 Change to active status
- NOTE: The following are unchanged: 4731-22-03, 4731-22-04, 4731-22-06, 4731-22-08.a*

The following [rule](#) concerns mental or physical impairment:

- 4731-28-01 Mental or physical impairment

Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2017

The State Medical Board of Ohio published its annual report in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code. The report summarizes the activities of the Board between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

Click [here](#) to review the full report.



Medical Marijuana Rules – Effective September 8, 2017

The Medical Board approved Medical Marijuana Rules which will go into effect September 8, 2017. The rules address

1. The procedures that a physician must follow when applying for a certificate to recommend
2. The conditions that must be met to be eligible for a certificate to recommend
3. The schedule and procedures for renewing a certificate to recommend;
4. The reasons for which a certificate to recommend may be suspended or revoked
5. The standards under which a certificate to recommend suspension may be lifted
6. The minimal standards of care when recommending treatment with medical marijuana



medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov

This website is official resource for the Medical Marijuana Control Program. This site is designed to keep Ohioans informed about the development of regulations and rules regarding Ohio's Medical Marijuana Control Program.

The website addresses cultivation, processing, testing, dispensaries, certificates to recommend, and patient & caregiver registration. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are also provided on these topics.

HealthScene Ohio – Summer 2017

[HealthScene Ohio, the Medical Board's quarterly magazine, is now available.](#) The Summer 2017 issue features articles on preventing burnout, surgery helping those with cerebral palsy, radiologists do more than taken x-rays, overcoming the opioid epidemic, combating treatment-resistant cancer, addressing IBS, SIBO and gut health, causes of chronic pelvic pain, and robotic surgery revolutionizes surgical procedures.



Holiday Closure



The Medical Board's offices are closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 for the state holiday. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5.