



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3719.06 Authority of licensed health professional.

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(A)(1) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs, if acting in the course of professional practice, in accordance with the laws regulating the professional's practice, and in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of pharmacy, may, except as provided in division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of this section, do the following:

- (a) Prescribe schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substances;
- (b) Administer or personally furnish to patients schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substances;
- (c) Cause schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substances to be administered under the prescriber's direction and supervision.

(2) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs who is a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner is subject to both of the following:

- (a) A schedule II controlled substance may be prescribed only in accordance with division (C) of section 4723.481 of the Revised Code.
- (b) No schedule II controlled substance shall be personally furnished to any patient.

(3) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs who is a physician assistant is subject to all of the following:

- (a) A controlled substance may be prescribed or personally furnished only if it is included in the physician-delegated prescriptive authority granted to the physician assistant in accordance with Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code.
- (b) A schedule II controlled substance may be prescribed only in accordance with division (B)(4) of



section 4730.41 and section 4730.411 of the Revised Code.

(c) No schedule II controlled substance shall be personally furnished to any patient.

(4) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs who is a certified mental health assistant is subject to both of the following:

(a) A controlled substance may be prescribed or personally furnished only in accordance with sections 4772.12 and 4772.13 of the Revised Code.

(b) No schedule II controlled substance shall be personally furnished to any patient.

(B) No licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs shall prescribe, administer, or personally furnish a schedule III anabolic steroid for the purpose of human muscle building or enhancing human athletic performance and no pharmacist shall dispense a schedule III anabolic steroid for either purpose, unless it has been approved for that purpose under the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 52 Stat. 1040 (1938), 21 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended.

(C) When issuing a prescription for a schedule II controlled substance, a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs shall do so only upon an electronic prescription, except that the prescriber may issue a written prescription if any of the following apply:

(1) A temporary technical, electrical, or broadband failure occurs preventing the prescriber from issuing an electronic prescription.

(2) The prescription is issued for a nursing home resident or hospice care patient.

(3) The prescriber is employed by or under contract with the same entity that operates the pharmacy.

(4) The prescriber determines that an electronic prescription cannot be issued in a timely manner and the patient's medical condition is at risk.

(5) The prescriber issues the prescription from a health care facility, which may include an



emergency department, and reasonably determines that an electronic prescription would be impractical for the patient or would cause a delay that may adversely impact the patient's medical condition.

(6) The prescriber issues per year not more than fifty prescriptions for schedule II controlled substances.

(7) The prescriber is a veterinarian licensed under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code.

(D) Each written or electronic prescription for a controlled substance shall be properly executed, dated, and signed by the prescriber on the day when issued and shall bear the full name and address of the person for whom, or the owner of the animal for which, the controlled substance is prescribed and the full name, address, and registry number under the federal drug abuse control laws of the prescriber. If the prescription is for an animal, it shall state the species of the animal for which the controlled substance is prescribed.