



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4729.46 Prescriptions for opioid analgesics to be used on an outpatient basis.

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(A) As used in this section, "opioid analgesic" has the same meaning as in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section or in any rules adopted under division (D) of this section, all of the following apply with respect to a prescription for an opioid analgesic to be used by an individual on an outpatient basis:

(1) A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall not dispense or sell the opioid analgesic in an amount that exceeds a ninety-day supply, as determined according to the prescription's directions for use of the drug, regardless of whether the prescription was issued for a greater amount.

(2) Except as provided in division (B)(3) of this section, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or terminal distributor of dangerous drugs shall not dispense or sell the opioid analgesic if more than fourteen days have elapsed since the prescription was issued.

(3) A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or terminal distributor of dangerous drugs may dispense or sell the opioid analgesic after more than fourteen days have elapsed since the prescription was issued if all of the following apply:

(a) The prescription is one of multiple prescriptions for the drug issued by a single prescriber to the patient on a single day.

(b) When combined, the prescriptions do not authorize the patient to receive an amount that exceeds a ninety-day supply of the drug, as determined according to the prescriptions' directions for use of the drug.



(c) The prescriber has provided written instructions on the prescription indicating the earliest date on which the prescription may be filled.

(d) Not more than fourteen days have elapsed since the date described in division (B)(3)(c) of this section.

(C) Division (B) of this section does not apply when a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or terminal distributor of dangerous drugs dispenses or sells an opioid analgesic to be delivered outside of this state by mail, parcel post, or common carrier to a patient who resides outside of this state.

(D) The state board of pharmacy may adopt rules establishing an amount that is less than the ninety-day supply described in division (B)(1) of this section or a period that is less than the fourteen-day period described in division (B)(2) of this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.