



Ohio Revised Code Section 4752.09 Sanctions.

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(A) The state board of pharmacy may, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter or discipline a license holder by imposing a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or taking other disciplinary action on any of the following grounds:

(1) Violation of any provision of this chapter or an order or rule of the board, as those provisions, orders, or rules are applicable to persons licensed under this chapter;

(2) A plea of guilty to or a judicial finding of guilt of a felony or a misdemeanor that involves dishonesty or is directly related to the provision of home medical equipment services;

(3) Making a material misstatement in furnishing information to the board;

(4) Professional incompetence;

(5) Being guilty of negligence or gross misconduct in providing home medical equipment services;

(6) Aiding, assisting, or willfully permitting another person to violate any provision of this chapter or an order or rule of the board, as those provisions, orders, or rules are applicable to persons licensed under this chapter;

(7) Failing, within sixty days, to provide information in response to a written request by the board;

(8) Engaging in conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public;

(9) Denial, revocation, suspension, or restriction of a license to provide home medical equipment services, for any reason other than failure to renew, in another state or jurisdiction;



(10) Directly or indirectly giving to or receiving from any person a fee, commission, rebate, or other form of compensation for services not rendered;

(11) Knowingly making or filing false records, reports, or billings in the course of providing home medical equipment services, including false records, reports, or billings prepared for or submitted to state and federal agencies or departments;

(12) Failing to comply with federal rules issued pursuant to the medicare program established under Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620(1935), 42 U.S.C. 1395, as amended, relating to operations, financial transactions, and general business practices of home medical services providers.

(B) The state board of pharmacy immediately may suspend a license without a hearing if it determines that there is evidence that the license holder is subject to actions under this section and that there is clear and convincing evidence that continued operation by the license holder presents an immediate and serious harm to the public. The president and executive director of the board shall make a preliminary determination and describe, by telephone conference or any other method of communication, the evidence on which they made their determination to the other members of the board. The board may by resolution designate another board member to act in place of the president of the board or another employee to act in the place of the executive director, in the event that the board president or executive director is unavailable or unable to act. On review of the evidence, the board may by a vote of not less than seven of its members, suspend a license without a prior hearing. The board may vote on the suspension by way of a telephone conference call.

Immediately following the decision to suspend a license under this division, the board shall issue a written order of suspension and cause it to be delivered in accordance with section 119.07 of the Revised Code. The order shall not be subject to suspension by the court during the pendency of any appeal filed under section 119.12 of the Revised Code. If the license holder requests an adjudication hearing, the date set for the hearing shall be within fifteen days but not earlier than seven days after the license holder requests the hearing, unless another date is agreed to by the license holder and the board. The suspension shall remain in effect, unless reversed by the board, until a final adjudication order issued by the board pursuant to this section and Chapter 119. of the Revised Code becomes effective. The board shall issue its final adjudication order not later than ninety days after completion



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of the hearing. The board's failure to issue the order by that day shall cause the summary suspension to end, but shall not affect the validity of any subsequent final adjudication order.