



ALERT: Prescriber Number Is Required on All Prescriptions

All nurses with prescriptive authority, whether by APRN license, or by CTP/CTP-E (through December 31 2017), are reminded that Rule 4723-9-09(I), Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), states:

A nurse holding a current valid certificate to prescribe shall satisfy all requirements for prescribing set forth in rule 4729-5-30 of the Administrative code, **and shall include the nurse's prescriber number on each prescription.** [Emphasis added.]¹

You are required to include your prescriber number on every prescription you issue. In the transition period between April 6, 2017 and December 31, 2017, your prescriber number may be either your APRN license number, or, your CTP/CTP-E number, if you have not yet transitioned to the APRN license.

In addition you must satisfy all other requirements for prescribing set forth in Pharmacy Board Rule 4729-5-30, OAC, Manner of Issuance of a Prescription. The Board of Nursing may discipline the license of any nurse for violating the Nurse Practice Act and any rules adopted under it. This includes a nurse's failure to include a prescriber number on every prescription issued.

Chapter 4723-9, OAC, Prescriptive Authority, is available for review on the Board's website: www.nursing.ohio.gov under the "Law and Rules link.

Rule 4729-5-30, OAC, and all other Pharmacy Board regulations can be located on the Pharmacy Board website: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov

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¹ Note: During the Rule review process, the reference in Rule 4723-9-09, OAC, to a "certificate to prescribe" will be revised to conform with HB 216's replacement of certificates with licenses.