Use of Certified Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Certified Nurse Midwives, and Physician Assistants in the Management of Pharmacist Consult Agreements

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In order to address treatment capacity during the COVID-19 outbreak, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the following guidance for the management of pharmacist consult agreements in consultation with the State Medical Board of Ohio and the Ohio Board of Nursing.

This guidance is being issued in accordance with a Board resolution adopted on March 2, 2020.

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy hereby authorizes the delegation to an Ohio-licensed APRN who is designated as a certified nurse practitioner (CNP), clinical nurse specialist (CNS), certified nurse midwife (CNM) or physician assistant (PA) the management of a consult agreement authorized under section 4729.39 of the Revised Code. **The delegation authorized in this resolution is limited to consult agreements in hospitals (inpatient/ambulatory) and other institutional facilities as defined in rule 4729-17-01 of the Administrative Code.**

Pursuant to rule 4729:1-6-02 of the Administrative Code, a new or existing consult agreement shall include the identification of the CNP, CNS, CNM, or PA authorized to enter into the agreement. This may include:

1. Individual names of the delegated CNPs, CNSs, CNMs, or PAs;
2. Delegated CNP, CNS, CNM, or PA practice groups; or
3. Identification based on institutional credentialing or privileging.

A delegated CNP, CNS, CNM, or PA and pharmacist managing a patient’s drug therapy using a consult agreement shall comply with all requirements set forth in section 4729.39 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4729:1-6 of the Administrative Code.

This resolution and guidance shall remain in effect during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020.