
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

- Adds residential care facilities to the locations where an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant with prescriptive authority may prescribe schedule II controlled substances without being subject to otherwise applicable limitations.

Schedule II drugs

(R.C. 4723.481 and 4730.411)

The bill adds residential care facilities to the list of locations where advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and physician assistants (PAs) are permitted to prescribe schedule II controlled substances without being subject to three existing law limitations that otherwise apply when those professionals prescribe such drugs. The otherwise applicable limits are: (1) the patient must have a terminal condition, (2) the APRN's collaborating physician or the PA's supervising physician must have initially prescribed the drug for the patient, and (3) the prescription must be for an amount not exceeding the amount necessary for the patient's use in a single 24-hour period.

Except for conforming changes pertaining to the bill's other provisions, the bill does not alter the existing law that specifies the locations where APRNs and PAs may prescribe schedule II controlled substances without the limits described above. These locations are: (1) a hospital registered with the Department of Health, (2) an entity owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by a hospital or by an entity that owns or controls, in whole or in part, one or more hospitals, (3) a health care facility operated by the Department of Developmental Disabilities or Department of Mental Health (renamed the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services), (4) a nursing home licensed by the Department of Health or a political subdivision, (5) a county home or district home that is certified under Medicare or Medicaid, (6) a hospice care program, (7) a community mental health agency (renamed as "community mental health services provider,") (8) an ambulatory surgical facility, (9) a freestanding birthing center, (10) a federally qualified health care center (FQHC), (11) an FQHC look-alike, (12) a health care office or facility operated by a board of health of a city or general health district or an authority having those duties, and (13) a site where a medical practice is operated, but only if the practice is comprised of one or more physicians who also are owners of the practice, the practice is organized to provide direct patient care, and at least one of the physician owners who practices primarily at that site collaborates with the APRN or supervises the PA.



The existing law locations were specified for APRNs in S.B. 83, and for PAs in H.B. 284, both of the 129th General Assembly. Prior to H.B. 284, PAs were not authorized to prescribe schedule II controlled substances under any circumstances.

