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PRXCD1 Access to Information in the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS)

R.C. 4729.80, 4729.81

Requires, rather than permits, the State Board of Pharmacy to provide information in the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) to both of the following:

- (1) The medical director of a Medicaid managed care organization, if the information relates to a Medicaid recipient enrolled in the managed care organization, including information related to prescriptions for the recipient not covered or reimbursed under the Medicaid program.
- (2) The Medicaid Director if the information relates to a recipient of a program administered by the Department of Medicaid, including information related to prescriptions for the recipient not covered or reimbursed under a program administered by the Department.

Requires the Board of Pharmacy to notify the Medicaid Director if the Board determines from a review of OARRS information that a violation of law may have been committed by a provider of services under a program administered by the Department of Medicaid.

Fiscal effect: This provision may require programming and software upgrades to OARRS, as well as additional staff training, and possibly the hiring of additional investigators that are knowledgeable or have expertise in the programs administered by the Department of Medicaid and the managed care organizations. The total potential cost increase is unknown.

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PRXCD2

Remote Drug Dispensing Systems for Nursing Homes and Residential Care Facilities

R.C. 4729.542, 4729.51, 4729.54, 4729.99

(1) No provision.

(1) Authorizes a pharmacy that is licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs to use a remote drug dispensing system at a nursing home or residential care facility provided that certain criteria are met.

(2) No provision.

(2) Specifies that a pharmacist is not required to maintain supervision and control of a remote dispensing system or be physically present where the system is used to dispense drugs.

(3) No provision.

(3) Requires the facility where a remote dispensing system is located to complete periodic audits of controlled substances dispensed through the system.

(4) No provision.

(4) Requires that applications for licensure and licenses as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs include any place at which the applicant or licensee intends to operate a remote dispensing system.

Fiscal effect: This provision will likely result in an increase in licensing fee revenue for the Board of Pharmacy. Terminal Distributors of Dangerous Drugs will be required to obtain a license for each location that operates a remote dispensing system. The annual licensing fee could be \$45 (Category I), \$112.50 (Category II), or \$150 (Category III). Categories are determined by the types of drugs that are dispensed by the terminal distributors. Most licenses will likely be for Category III Terminal Distributors.