



Home Medical Equipment Service Providers Update November 2019

New Rules - Effective December 15, 2019

Effective December 15, 2019, new rules will go into effect for home medical equipment (HME) service providers. Links to the new rules are provided below.

4729:11 – Home Medical Equipment Providers

- [4729:11-1-01](#) – Definitions – home medical equipment.
- [4729:11-2-01](#) – Licensure, registration and renewal.
- [4729:11-2-02](#) – Designated representative.
- [4729:11-2-03](#) – Applications.
- [4729:11-2-04](#) – Recognized accrediting bodies. (**NOTE:** Does not apply to licensed HME Service Providers)
- [4729:11-2-05](#) – Change in description of a HME services provider or discontinuation of business.
- [4729:11-3-01](#) – Minimum standards for licensees. (**NOTE:** Does not apply to registered HME Service Providers)
- [4729:11-3-02](#) – Record keeping.
- [4729:11-3-03](#) – Inspections and corrective actions.
- [4729:11-3-04](#) – Continuing education. (**NOTE:** Does not apply to registered HME Service Providers)
- [4729:11-3-05](#) – Advertising and solicitation.
- [4729:11-4-01](#) – Disciplinary actions.

Important Notice for Licensed Home Medical Equipment Service Providers

On or before **June 30, 2022**, all licensed HME service providers **located outside of Ohio** are required to obtain registration (*i.e.* [obtain national accreditation](#)) as a HME service provider [[OAC 4729:11-2-01 \(H\)](#)].

Notification of a Designated Representative by December 15, 2019

Per rule [4729:11-2-02](#), a designated representative is responsible for compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and rules governing the provision of HME services. The designated representative shall be physically present at the licensed or registered location for a sufficient amount of time to provide supervision of the activities conducted by a HME service provider.

ALL licensed and registered HME service providers are required to electronically submit notification to the Board of the HME service provider's designated representative **no later than December 15, 2019**. The notification form and instructions are available by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/DR

For questions regarding this provision or any other requirements of the new rules, a HME service provider should submit question via the Board's contact page: <https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Contact.aspx>. Be sure to select "Home Medical Equipment Service Provider Information" as the subject.

All 2020 renewal information will be sent to the designated representative on file.

As part of the implementation of the new HME Service Provider rules, the Board has published inspection guides for both Licensed and Registered HME Service Providers. The guide, which mirrors the Board's internal inspection guide, serves as a reference for licensees, registrants, and applicants.

The Licensed HME Service Provider Inspection Guide can be found [here](#).

The Registered HME Service Provider Inspection Guide can be found [here](#).

Licensed HME Service Providers - Continuing Education Providers

Continuing education can be provided as in-service education developed and taught by the licensed HME service provider, HME manufacturer, or any organization recognized by the Board that offers continuing education relevant to HME services. A licensed HME service provider or HME manufacturer does not have to be approved by the Board.

The list of recognized organizations can be found [here](#).
