

As part of the COVID 19 pandemic waiver package the Ohio Board of Pharmacy issued several regulatory waivers to permit Ohio based pharmacies to establish well regulated and secure remote worker programs. As the pandemic and the Public Health Emergency have wound down the Board made several of these waivers into permanent rules. The following are the specific rules in the Ohio Administrative Code that permit Ohio pharmacies to employ remote pharmacists and technicians, both within Ohio and outside.

Rule 4729:5-5-20 | Remote Outpatient Prescription Processing

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-4729:5-5-20>

Rule 4729:5-5-25 | Remote Prescription Entry - Technician.

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The specific requirements for technicians are noted below:

(5) "Remote technician" means any of the following:

(a) If performing remote prescription entry in this state: an Ohio registered certified pharmacy technician, registered pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician trainee, either employed or a contract employee of an outpatient pharmacy or remote pharmacy, who either conducts prescription entry from a remote site, which may include the technician's residence or other location where the technician and the outpatient or remote pharmacy can ensure the confidentiality and integrity of patient information, or on the premises of a remote pharmacy or outpatient pharmacy; or

*(b) If performing remote prescription entry **outside of this state**: a pharmacy technician who meets the following criteria:*

*(i) **The pharmacy technician is licensed or registered in the state where the remote prescription entry is occurring**, or if working in a state that has not yet implemented a technician registration process, has received training and is working as a pharmacy technician in accordance with of the laws and regulations of their state of practice; and*

*(ii) The pharmacy technician is either employed or a contract employee of an outpatient pharmacy or remote pharmacy who holds a nonresident pharmacy license in accordance with Chapter 4729:5-8 of the Administrative Code, who either conducts prescription entry from a remote site, **which may include the technician's residence** or other location where the technician and the outpatient or remote pharmacy can ensure the confidentiality and integrity of patient information, or on the premises of a remote pharmacy or outpatient pharmacy.*

(c) A nonresident pharmacy shall be responsible for ensuring all actions performed by an unregistered technician comply with the applicable requirements for conducting remote prescription entry.

*(d) A remote technician **shall only be permitted to conduct remote prescription entry within the United States**, to include the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.*

Our employees that reside in Louisiana are employed by an Ohio resident pharmacy, as an Ohio remote pharmacy technician. They meet all of the remote supervision and information security requirements as defined by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy. All our Louisiana based technicians hold an active registration with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and are in good standing per these requirements.