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# PHARMACY TERMINAL DISTRIBUTOR OF DANGEROUS DRUGS

Carefully read <u>all</u> instructions. **FAILURE TO COMPLETE <u>ALL FIELDS, PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPLEMENTAL</u>

<u><b>DOCUMENTATION, AND CORRECT FEE WILL DELAY THE APPLICATION PROCESS.** If a question is not applicable, answer as N/A.</u>

Please make check payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio"

# APPLICATION AND PAYMENT SHOULD BE MAILED TO: 77 SOUTH HIGH STREET, 17<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, COLUMBUS, OH 43215

## **PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY**

1. LICENSE REQU	JEST				
Change	Proposed opening	date or date of change	If char	nge, give current	TDDD License Number
If change, select	<b>ALL</b> that apply:				
Name	Ownershi	Business	Туре		
Other, plea	se specify				
	INESS BEING LICENS different than above.	<b>SED -</b> Name under which a	pplicant wil	ll be doing business	, address, phone number, and
Business Name (i.e. reflected by signage/how you will answer the phone)  County					
Street Address (No	P.O. Box)	City, State		Zip Code	Phone (include area code)
Mailing Address, City, State, Zip Code (if different from above)  Fax (include area code)			Fax (include area code)		
3. NAME OF BUSINESS SERVICING THE ENTITY LISTED IN #2- This is only applicable for nursing home/other institution contingency stock					
Name as listed on	the TDDD License	TD	DD License	Number	



TDDD License New # /Same #

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**Drug Category** 

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4. APPLICANT INTENDS DOING BUS	SINESS AS (Select One) - Indi	cate the applicant's type	of business organization.
Government	Corporation	Partnership	Limited Liability Company
Sole Proprietorship		_	
5a. NAME OF GOVERNMENT AGENC	(if applicable)		
Name			
5b. CORPORATION INFORMATION, papers must accompany this applic maintained by the applicant's business www.sos.state.oh.us	ation. The following information	n may be contained in the	e incorporation papers usually
	Leave blank if Gove		
Entity/Charter number	Federal Tax ID or EIN Number	State w	here incorporated
5c. NAME OF OWNER(S); OR, IF ING (If more than four, please include in	CORPORATED, NAME AND TIT Information on a separate pied	LE OF OFFICERS ce of paper)	
Name	Leave blank if Gove	rnment Agency	Date of Birth or Social Security
Name	Title		Number
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6. CATEGORY OF LICENSE (Check Dangerous Drugs, as provided in Sec follows:  CATEGORY II - \$112.50 This licens medical oxygen and other medical gr	stions 4729.54, 4729.541, 4729. See may possess, have custody o	55, 4729.551 and 4729. or control of, and distribu	552 of the Ohio Revised Code, as
CATEGORY III - \$150.00 This lices controlled substances contained in S		or control of, and distrib	oute prescription drugs, including
The following categories apply			nt therapy, and consulting-only
LIMITED CATEGORY I - \$45.00 Thave volume of 100ml(s) and contain administered pursuant to ORC 4765	n no added substances. This lice	ngle dose injections of I	V fluids or parenteral solutions that e-dose injections of epinephrine to be
LIMITED CATEGORY II - \$112.50 (including medical grade gases) that produced as part of the license,	are not controlled substance	s approved by a Medical	l of, and distribute prescription drugs l Director. <b>An addendum will be</b>
LIMITED CATEGORY III - \$150.0 drugs, including controlled subst license, listing the drugs that ha	ances approved by a Medical Di		

Drug Enforcement Administration License N	lumber (for Category III only; if pending l	eave blank):		
7. PROVIDE A DETAILED NARRATIVE DE THAT WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THIS LO		SS ACTIVITIES (PLEASE BE SPECIFIC) CANT TO BE ISSUED A TDDD LICENSE		
Indicate your <u>HOURS OF OPERATION</u> Refer to example questions below	N, <u>WEB SITE ADDRESS</u> , and <u>TYPE OF B</u> to assist with narrative. Narrative <u>M</u> considered incomplete.	SUSINESS YOU ARE CONDUCTING in Ohio.  UST BE PROVIDED or the application is		
Examples: Do you service patients, animals, or facilities? What type of pharmacy (hospital, retail pharmacy, specialty clinic, physician office, pharmacy servicing other institutions, etc.)? What type of prescription medications do you dispense (specialty or retail)? Do you compound sterile and/or non-sterile products?				
8. TYPE OF ESTABLISHMENT BEING LI	CENSED (Check ALL what applies in th	is section)		
IN-STATE PHARMACY	NON-RESIDENT PHARMACY			
Retail Independent /Chain	Compounding	Correctional Institution		
Nuclear Pharmacy	Sterile	Hospital		
Durable Medical Equipment Pharmacy (DME)	Non-Sterile	Consulting Only		
Mail Order Pharmacy	Fluid Therapy/Infusion Pharmacy Charitable Pharmacy	Remote Order Entry		
Multi-Disciplinary Pharmacy (i.e. Multi-practice such as central fill, compounding, consulting, & mail order)	Medication Therapy Management (MTM)	Pharmacy-Servicing Others (i.e. Nursing Homes)		
Other:	Pharmacy Supplied Contingency Stock			

## **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:**

## FOR CONSULTING ONLY PHARMACIES/REMOTE ORDER ENTRY FACILITIES (read below statement)

- 1. Consulting only pharmacies/Call Centers must enclose a statement on another sheet of paper that states that there are no dangerous drugs possessed or distributed from this location. Include that activity at this licensed site will be consulting only. The statement must be signed by the Responsible Person. **This form is provided at the end of this application**.
- 2. Remote order entry facilities must enclose a statement on another sheet of paper that states that there are no dangerous drugs possessed or distributed from this location. Further, by resolution of the Board, R-2007-114 on 1/16/07, To be considered board-approved for remote pharmacy computer access, the following requirements, at a minimum, must be met: **This form is provided at the end of this application** 
  - a. The remote computer must have positive identification, pursuant to rule 4729-5-01(N), of the pharmacist accessing the computer system. If an alternative method to achieve positive identification is desired, it must be presented to the Board for approval.
  - b. The remote computer access shall only involve pharmacists and they must be registered and practicing in Ohio. If not, the procedure for remote pharmacy computer access must be presented to the Board for approval. Application Limited License Terminal Distributor
  - c. There must be an audit trail of any pharmacist remotely accessing the pharmacy computer system. The audit information should contain at least the date, time, information reviewed, information entered, and pharmacist accessing the system. This information should be placed in a report that is reviewed and compared to the orders/documentation as soon as possible by the Responsible Pharmacist or his/her designee. A policy should be in place to detail this quality assurance procedure.
  - d. The remote access and order information received must be secure to ensure confidentiality. The pharmacy must have a confidentiality policy and make a reasonable attempt to determine that it is being followed. If appropriate, this may require a site inspection by the Responsible Pharmacist or his/her designee.
  - e. The Board must inspect and approve remote pharmacy computer access and its policies prior to use.

#### FOR NON-RESIDENT PHARMACIES ONLY

1. Please refer to the **NON-RESIDENT PHARMACY ADDENDUM** at the end of the application for more information on additional required documentation. Failure to provide all requested documents will delay your application process.

# 8. HAS THE ENTITY EVER BEEN DENIED A LICENSE OR REQUESTED TO WITHDRAW OR HAS IT WITHDRAWN AN APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE IN THIS OR ANY OTHER STATE?

Yes No	If yes, please provide the name of the licensing agency and approximate date of application and the reason why:

#### **LEGAL QUESTIONS (9 & 10)**

Please note these questions pertain to all of the following: the applicant (business at that location), the owner(s), the Responsible Person, any agent, and any employee (at the specific location). This would apply to the same business at a previous location on a change of address application, but not for every location in a corporation. **Failure to answer these questions makes your application incomplete, delaying the licensing process. Answering incorrectly could be a crime, see ORC 2921.13** 

9. RECORD OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND FINES IMPOSED - The legal questions must be answered.

Has the applicant, owner(s), Responsible Person, any agent or any employee of the location being licensed, or any officer of the corporation, ever been the subject of disciplinary action (or any pending action) by any state or federal agency; even if subsequently dismissed or resolved without formal discipline?			
Yes No			
Three provides detailed evaluation on a consent sheet and INCLUDE A CERTIFIED CORV OF THE DESCRIPTION			
If yes, provide a detailed explanation on a separate sheet and INCLUDE A CERTFIED COPY OF THE DISCIPLINE DOCUMENT WITH THE APPLICATION.			
WITH THE APPLICATION.			

# 10. RECORD OF ARRESTS, CHARGES, CONVICTIONS, AND FINES IMPOSED

Does the applicant, owner(s), Responsible Person, any agent or any employee of the location being licensed, or any officer of the corporation, have a record of arrest or charges pending or have a conviction of a felony, misdemeanor or traffic violation (even if expunged, dismissed or sealed) or the equivalent in another jurisdiction?				
FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS:				
CHECK YES - Charge(s) for traffic offenses such a motor vehicle under the influence]), failure to st vehicle in willful or wanton disregard of the safe having physical control of vehicle while under the ultimately reduced or plead to a different offense.	op after an accident (also referr ty of persons or property (also ) e influence and driving under su	ed to as "hit skip"), operation of a referred to as "reckless operation"), respension – even if the charge was		
DO NOT CHECK YES - Parking violations, speedin use a turn signal or expired registration.	g tickets and violations such as	failure to obey a red light, failure to		
Yes No				
If yes, explain in detail on a separate sheet listing nan were filed. Send a certified copy of the charging d				
PLEASE NOTE: Pursuant to Section 2953.33(B) o have a record of a charge or conviction that has jurisdiction).				
11. STATEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE F	OR SUPERVISION AND CONTRO	L OF DANGEROUS DRUGS		
Statement must be signed ( <u>wet ink – NO COPIES</u> ) and dated by the individual who will be responsible for the supervision and control of the dangerous drugs and drug records at this location (i.e. the Responsible Person). <u>The Responsible Person is also responsible for ensuring that the application is true, correct and complete.</u>				
I HEREBY AGREE to and assume the responsibility for drugs and drug records that may be acquired/maintain				
I FULLY UNDERSTAND that, as a licensed Terminal Distributor, drugs may be purchased only within the requested category of license from Wholesale Distributors of Dangerous Drugs registered in the State of Ohio by the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy. I also understand that if and when this business is discontinued that a "Written Notice of Discontinuing Business" form must be secured from the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy, completed by me, and returned to their offices with the license being discontinued as required in Rule 4729-9-07 of the Ohio Administrative Code.				
I DECLARE UNDER PENALTIES OF FALSIFICATION AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTERS 2921., 3715., 3719. AND 4729. OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO PURSUE THIS APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE ENTITY LISTED IN THIS APPLICATION AND THAT THIS APPLICATION IS <b>TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE</b> . I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IF THE LICENSE APPLIED FOR IS GRANTED, THE LICENSE-HOLDER AND I SHALL SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE OF OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY AND TO THE LAWS OF THIS STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTERS 2925., 3715., 3719. AND 4729. OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND ALL RELATED LAWS AND RULES.				
SIGNATURE of Responsible Person	Date Signed	PRINT OR TYPE NAME		
Phone (including area code)	E-mail Address	<u> </u>		
Qualifications of Responsible Person:				
RPH License Number:				

contact if there are questions regarding the application (must be the your Ohio license.	ne Responsible Per	son or Designee	) & the person who will receive
Name	Title		
Phone (including area code)	E-mail		
13. E-MAIL ADDRESS TO RECEIVE YOUR OHIO LICENSE(S). Board of Pharmacy no longer mails licenses via postal mail).	MUST BE THE RE	ESPONSIBLE P	ERSON OR DESIGNEE. (Ohio
Name of the individual that will print the license			
E-mail of the individual that will print the license		Phone (including	ng area code)
14. STATEMENT OF APPLICANT (Person who may legally signed (wet ink – NO COPIES) and and can verify the information provided in this application is true, or incomplete, delaying the licensing process.	completed by the	individual who r	
Name	Title		
Phone (including area code)	E-mail		
I DECLARE UNDER PENALTIES OF FALSIFICATION AS SET FORTH I REVISED CODE THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO PURSUE THIS APPLICATION IS <b>TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLE</b> FOR IS GRANTED, THE LICENSE-HOLDER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE J TO THE LAWS OF THIS STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCEMENT REVISED CODE AND ALL RELATED LAWS AND RULES.	ATION ON BEHALF <b>ETE</b> . I HEREBY ACI URISDICTION OF	OF THE ENTITY KNOWLEDGE TH THE STATE OF C	LISTED IN THIS APPLICATION AT IF THE LICENSE APPLIED OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY AND
Signature of Applicant	Date		Date of Birth or Social Security Number
COMPLETION OF THIS FORM IS REC MAXIMUM PENALTY:			29.54

12. INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT REGARDING ABOVE LOCATION, BETWEEN 8 AM AND 5 PM WEEKDAYS - Individual to



# **NON-RESIDENT PHARMACY ADDENDUM**

ALL ap	plicants must submit the following, if applicable:
	Corporation papers and/or articles of incorporation or Limited Liability (LLC) papers for the pharmacy. This includes names, dates of birth, addresses, and social security numbers of the officers.
	A copy of your most recent State inspection report. Also, if applicable, any corrective actions or follow up inspection reports pertaining to the findings. If you have not been inspected in the last 18 months, provide a statement indicating as such.
	A list of all Pharmacists practicing at the application location - including resident state pharmacy license numbers (form is included in this application).
	A copy of DEA License (category III license only).
	Pharmacy license verification from the state in which you are licensed indicating good standing.
	Pharmacist license verification for the pharmacist who will be the responsible person from the state in which you are practicing indicating good standing.
	A written description of the following:
	<ul> <li>Normal delivery protocols and times;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Any special packaging or procedures used in delivering temperature sensitive drug products;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Detailing how the applicant will comply with the requirement that an offer to counsel the patient be issued with every prescription filled.</li> <li>The offer shall be made by telephone or in writing on a separate document and shall accompany the prescription.</li> <li>A written offer to counsel shall include the hours a pharmacist is available and a telephone number where a pharmacist may be reached.</li> <li>The telephone service must be available at no cost to the pharmacy's primary patient population. The pharmacy shall have a sufficient telephone service to provide reasonable access to incoming callers.</li> </ul>
	Most recent FDA Inspection (if applicable)
COMPO	DUNDING APPLICANTS (STERILE AND NON-STERILE) MUST PROVIDE EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:
	For all pharmacies shipping into Ohio, prescriptions must be sent to the PATIENT. If you want to ship ANY patient specific medications to the prescriber rather than the patient, you must submit information to the Board (specific to each prescriber office) prior to any such shipment to that location. More information about this process can be accessed here: <a href="www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/pickup">www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/pickup</a>
	Please be advised that effective May 1, 2015, rule 4729-16-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code requires all non-resident compounding pharmacies to submit documentation that the facility is in compliance with

paragraphs (A) and (B) of rule <u>4729-16-03</u> of the Ohio Administrative Code, which requires compliance with USP 797 (for sterile products) and 795 (for non-sterile products). <u>The applicant may submit one of the following:</u>

- 1. The most recent inspection report that is less than two years old documenting compliance with USP 797 (for sterile products) and 795 (for non-sterile products). This report can be from any state licensing authority.
- The most recent inspection report that is less than two years old provided by the <u>National Association of</u>
   <u>Boards of Pharmacy's Verified Pharmacy Program</u> documenting compliance with USP 797 (for sterile
   products) and 795 (for non-sterile products).
- 3. The board may grant a one-year, one-time extension to non-resident pharmacies in the event an inspection report is not available at the time of application or renewal and documentation is presented verifying intent to comply with this rule.

If an extension is requested you <u>must</u> submit requested compounding information with this packet. If you fail to submit documents, your application will be incomplete and delay the application process. (**checklist** and extension letter is provided at the end of this application).

# **CONSULTING/REMOTE ORDER ENTRY/MMT APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:**

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Business Name (name applicant will be DOING



# **NON-RESIDENT COMPOUNDING PHARMACY ONE-YEAR EXTENSION REQUEST**

Statement to Be Completed by the Person who is Signing as Responsible Person (must be a Pharmacist) for a Terminal Distributor of Dangerous Drug (TDDD) license.

I certify that I will provide the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy one (1) year from this application date one of the following:

- A National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's Verified Pharmacy Program documenting compliance with USP 797 and/or USP 795; or
- A recent state inspection that is less than two (2) years old documenting compliance with USP 797 and/or USP 795. This inspection report can be from any state licensing agency; or

Terminal Distributor Number:

 The board may grant a one-year, one-time extension to non-resident pharmacies in the event an inspection report is not available at the time of application or renewal and documentation is presented verifying intent to comply with this rule.

If an extension is requested, you shall provide the documents in the checklist included with this letter to the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy to ensure safe compounding practices in Ohio.

BUSINESS AS reflected by signage/how you will answer phone)	
Street Address (No P.O. Box)	City, State, Zip Code
Printed Name of Responsible Person	Professional License No. / State Issued
Signature of Responsible Person	Date



# CHECKLIST ONLY FOR NON-RESIDENT COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES REQUESTING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION

Please submit all the following if requesting a one-year extension: List of the top ten (10) compounded products (sterile and/or non-sterile) Copy of a prescriber provided prescription for sterile and/or non-sterile product Copy of a pharmacy generated fax prescription for sterile and/or non-sterile product Completed master formula and compounding record for a sterile and/or non-sterile Prescription provided above Copy of a patient label for prescription provided above Recent potency testing for Sterile and/or non-sterile compounded product (if applicable) Beyond-use-justification if different from USP 797 and/or USP 795 Copy of recent hood certification(s), who certified the hood, date of certification (if applicable) Resident State Sterile Compounding License (if applicable) Policy and procedure manual for **Sterile Compounding ONLY** pursuant to OAC 4729-19-04 A quality assurance program for monitoring personnel qualifications, training and performance, product integrity, equipment, facilities, and guidelines regarding patient education. Justification for the chosen beyond use dates of compounded products. Handling of cytotoxic waste, if applicable Delivery Service, offer to counsel, and temperature controls

Steven W. Schierholt, Esq. Executive Director



# CONSULTING, REMOTE ORDER ENTRY, OR MEDICATION THERAPY MANAGEMENT STATEMENT FORM

Statement to be completed by the person who is signing as responsible person (<u>must be a pharmacist</u>) for a terminal distributor of dangerous drug (TDDD) limited license as a consulting, remote order entry, or medication management therapy pharmacy only.

I certify that no prescription drug(s) are to be purchased/acquired, stored and used at this location under this TDDD license.

NAME that applicant will be DOING BUSINESS AS (i.e. re	flected by signage/how you will answer the phone)
Street Address, City, State, Zip Code (No P.O. Box)	
Printed Name of Responsible Person	
The second secon	
Signature of Responsible Person	
Document must be notarized:	
	Sworn to and signed before me this date:  Date
	Signature of Notary
	Signature of Notary
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Applicant Name:



# Non-Resident Pharmacy ONLY PHARMACISTS DISPENSING INTO OHIO

Date:			
		umber, resident state, and expel spreadsheet) as long as it cormation.	
NAME	PHARMACIST LICENSE NUMBER	RESIDENT STATE	EXPIRATION DATE

Duplicate this form as necessary

77 South High Street, 17th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215





# WHOLESALE AND TERMINAL DISTRIBUTOR OF DANGEROUS DRUGS APPLICATION LEGAL QUESTIONS

# **UPDATED 2/4/2016**

The required legal questions on the initial and renewal applications provide the opportunity for the Board to review the facts and circumstances related to a particular case to determine its potential connection, if any, to the issuance or renewal of a license. The purpose of such questions is to act as a safeguard against the diversion of dangerous drugs and protection of confidential patient information by disclosing information necessary to protect the health and safety of the public. The questions are as follows:

# On the initial application:

Does the applicant, owner(s), Responsible Person, any agent or any employee of the location being licensed, or any officer of the corporation, have a record of arrest or charges pending or have a conviction of a felony, misdemeanor or traffic violation (even if expunged, dismissed or sealed) or the equivalent in another jurisdiction?

NOTE: An applicant should not answer yes for any traffic violations such as parking violations, speeding tickets and violations such as failure to obey a red light, failure to use a turn signal or an expired registration.

Has the applicant, owner(s), Responsible Person, any agent or any employee of the location being licensed, or any officer of the corporation, ever been the subject of disciplinary action (or any pending action) by any state or federal agency; even if subsequently dismissed or resolved without formal discipline?

## For a renewal application:

Within the last 18 months: does the Responsible Person or owner(s), or any agent or any employee of the location being licensed, or any officer of the corporation, have a record of arrest or criminal charges pending or have a conviction of a felony, misdemeanor, or traffic violation (even if sealed or expunged)?

NOTE: A licensee should not answer yes for any traffic violations such as parking violations, speeding tickets and violations such as failure to obey a red light, failure to use a turn signal or an expired registration.

Within the last 18 months: has the Responsible Person or owner(s), or any agent or employee of the Responsible Person/owner(s), or any officer of the corporation, been the subject of disciplinary action by any state or federal agency?

# **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Q1:** Who is covered by the legal questions? Does this apply to all employees of an entity, even those that do not work on-site?

**A1:** The questions include the Responsible Person, any officer of the corporation and all employees working at the physical location of the licensee with access to dangerous drugs, hypodermics or documents related to the distribution of dangerous drugs (i.e. patient records).



It does <u>not</u> include employees such as administrative, janitorial, IT or other staff that may need limited supervised access to areas where dangerous drugs, hypodermics or documents related to the distribution of dangerous drugs are kept. However, the licensee must have policies in place that prohibit unsupervised access to such areas by these employees.

PLEASE NOTE: For a pain management clinic, section 4729.552 of the Revised Code requires <u>all employees</u> of the facility to submit to a criminal records check in accordance with section 4776.02 of the Revised Code and ensure that no person is employed who has previously been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, either of the following:

- (1) A theft offense, described in division (K)(3) of section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that would constitute a felony under the laws of this state, any other state, or the United States; or
- (2) A felony drug abuse offense, as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.

**Q2:** How is it possible for a Responsible Person (RP) or owner to sign off that they know about any possible criminal charges, convictions, or discipline that may have occurred for all "owners, agents or employees" at the time or initial licensure or since the previous renewal?

**A2:** The entity seeking licensure and the RP should exercise due diligence in making sure they know the answers to these questions as they pertain to the owners, officers and employees described in Q1. For large companies, this will come as a result of having appropriate policies in place that require reporting when an owner, officer or employee is charged/convicted or disciplined during the timeframe in question. This also means having initial screening policies of new owners, officers or employees who meet the criteria listed in Q1.

The Board does not advise an entity on how to obtain their information nor instruct an entity as to what their policy must include. However, as a general rule, a policy with a mandatory reporting clause has been found to be acceptable by the Board. Such a policy should be implemented in accordance with all federal and state laws. There must be mechanism in place for results of that mandatory reporting to be relayed to the RP/owner/applicant on the license so that the legal questions can be answered honestly and accurately. As long as the entity/RP is aware that such a mechanism is in place requiring such reporting and that the necessary personnel (i.e. RP) would be aware of it when completing and signing the application, the entity/RP may check answer the questions accordingly.

**Q3:** If an owner, officer or employee described in Q1 has been charged/convicted/disciplined prior to initial licensure or in the intervening timeframe for renewals, must the entity terminate that individual's employment in order to obtain a license?

**A3:** The Board does not advise an entity on whether to terminate an individual with a criminal case/conviction or disciplinary action; that decision rests with the entity's personnel policies. However, the entity MUST report the underlying charge/conviction/discipline to the Board so that the Board may review the facts and circumstances related to a particular case to determine its potential connection, if any, to the license for which the entity/RP is renewing or applying.

**Q4:** Rule 4729-9-27 states the following:

(A) Pursuant to <u>21 C.F.R. Section 1301.76</u> (10/20/2015), a terminal or wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs that is a United States Drug Enforcement Administration registrant shall not employ in a position which allows access to controlled substances any person who has been convicted of a felony relating to controlled substances, or who, at any time, has had an application for DEA registration denied, revoked, or surrendered for cause. "For cause" means surrendering a registration in lieu of, or as a consequence of, any federal or state administrative, civil, or criminal action resulting from an investigation of the individual's handling of controlled substances.

(B) Paragraph (A) of this rule does not apply if a waiver is obtained by a registrant pursuant to 21 C.F.R. Section 1307.03.

Does this apply to a potential employee who may have had their felony record(s) expunged, unless granted a waiver by the DEA?

**A4:** Yes. According to the DEA, the employer would be required to obtain a waiver even if a conviction is expunged. A waiver would also be required for a potential employee who has entered a felony guilty plea relating to controlled substances, as the DEA considers this a conviction. As this rule references an existing federal regulation, the Board will interpret and enforce this requirement in the same manner as the DEA.

More information regarding the waiver process can be accessed here: <a href="http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/fag/waiver130176.htm">http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/fag/waiver130176.htm</a>

To contact your local DEA regional office: <a href="https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/contactDea/spring/fullSearch?execution=e3s1">https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/contactDea/spring/fullSearch?execution=e3s1</a>