

**MEDICAL BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO, pursuant to Chapter 119, Ohio Revised Code, hereby gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of considering the rescission, amendment, and adoption of rules. The rules are proposed to implement Section 4731.74, Ohio Revised Code, by setting the standards for the prescribing of drugs to a patient who is at a different location from the physician and the physician has never conducted an in-person examination of the patient. Some people refer to Rule 4731-11-09 as the “telemedicine” rule.

The public hearing will be conducted on **Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lobby Hearing Room, Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 E. Broad St., 1st Floor, Columbus, OH.** Oral or written testimony may be presented by any person affected by the proposed actions.

The following rule is proposed to be rescinded:

4731-11-09 Prescribing to persons not seen by the physician (effective November 30, 2010)

The following rule is proposed for amendment:

4731-11-01 Definitions

The following rule is proposed to be adopted as a new rule:

4731-11-09 Prescribing to persons not seen by the physician

The proposed rules will be available from:

- State Medical Board of Ohio, 30 East Broad Street, 3rd Floor, Columbus, OH 43215
- Medical Board’s website: <http://med.ohio.gov>
- Register of Ohio website:
<http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/jsps/publicdisplayrules/searchAgency.jsp>
(Select “4731 State Medical Board” from the drop down list.)

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. Those persons who wish to provide oral testimony at the hearing are encouraged to preregister by contacting Sallie Debolt at the address below, and may be given preference in the order of their testimony. Persons providing oral testimony are encouraged to also submit a copy of the testimony at the hearing. All written comments received by the Board before the close of the hearing record will be considered.

Written comments may be provided at the public hearing. However, persons interested in providing written comments are encouraged to do so no later than December 7, 2016, via e-mail to Sallie.Debolt@med.ohio.gov.