

SUBJECT: Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) and HB93

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REFERRED TO:

1 WHEREAS, there is a “pain epidemic” in Ohio with increased drug diversion and abuse;
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4 WHEREAS, many thousands of patients in Ohio have been identified by the Ohio
5 Compassionate Care Task Force of 2007 as being under medicated for pain or as not
6 having access to appropriate medical care for chronic pain; and

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8 WHEREAS, physicians (are committed to providing) want to provide safe, appropriate
9 care for their patients with pain; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) was established by the
12 Ohio State Board of Pharmacy (OSBP) to enable prescribers and distributors of
13 controlled substances to access a database to help identify patients who are misusing or
14 diverting substances of abuse, or who may be “doctor shopping”; and

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16 WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 93 of the 129th General Assembly requires the OSBP to
17 adopt rules that establish standards and procedures to be followed by physicians
18 regarding the review of patient information available through the drug database; and

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20 WHEREAS, OARRS can help doctors feel confident that they are treating “real patients
21 with real pain”; and

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23 WHEREAS, the OARRS is currently underutilized by primary care physicians in Ohio;
24 now, therefore, be it

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26 RESOLVED, that Osteopathic physicians in Ohio become familiar with OARRS and
27 utilize it in their practices; and, be it further

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29 RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA) play an active role in the
30 Ohio State Medical Board (OSMB) development of regulations requiring physicians to
31 interact with OARRS to assure that these regulations are not cumbersome and overly
32 demanding of a physicians time; and, be it further

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34 RESOLVED, that the OOA work with the OSBP to update OARRS and improve ease of
35 access and utilization.

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37 Attachments: White paper from Compassionate Care Task Force, OSPB regulations
38 pertaining to OARRS, and step-by-step points on how to access/register/usage of OARRS