

## **GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICIANS: RETAIL HEALTH CLINIC FAQs**

### **Purpose:**

To provide information to Ohio physicians regarding participation in retail health clinics staffed by advanced practice nurses.

### **Methodology:**

The number of ambulatory health clinics in retail settings in Ohio continues to grow. As a result of this growth, physician members of a county medical society asked the Board to clarify the roles and responsibilities of physicians who choose to participate in such ventures in Ohio.

Executive staff researched applicable sections of Ohio law related to advanced practice nurses working in collaboration with physicians under the terms of a standard care arrangement. A response to the county medical society was prepared and approved by the Board. Content of the response was converted to a brochure format. The material was also published in a “fact sheet” format which can be sent as an e-mail attachment in response to inquiries received on this topic.

### **Results:**

Resource tools addressing a current topic were created by the Medical Board as part of the Board’s educational outreach services.

### **Conclusion:**

Educational outreach materials, such as the retail clinic brochure and fact sheet, are used by the Board to define and advocate standards of safe practice and to provide information to licensees regarding laws governing medical practice.