

## Satellite Community Pharmacy Practice Criteria

The intention of these criteria is to allow satellite pharmacy services in areas without “conventional” Pharmacy Services and to encourage innovative pharmacy services in response to community needs. These criteria could be applied to medication being prepackaged and taken to the satellite location for labeling and dispensing or the normal procedure of packaging, labeling, dispensing on site. Regardless of system, prescriptions that cannot be dispensed at the satellite pharmacy must be transmitted or transported to the primary pharmacy for dispensing and delivery.

A satellite pharmacy must:

- 1) be approved by the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association.
- 2) be associated with a full time primary pharmacy.
- 3) identify the primary pharmacy, including telephone number and location, on all printed materials and labels.
- 4) provide for confidential area for patient counseling and comply with minimum requirements for ventilation, lighting, cleanliness and, should dispensing occur at the satellite, the balance of the minimum requirements regarding, dispensing counter, sink, balance, measuring devices, mortar and pestle, spatula and counting tray, ointment slab or pad, and labeling system. ( Some of these requirements may be waived depending on the service provided.)
- 5) have reference material in order to comply with the Patient Counseling Standard.
- 6) must not sell any non-medical products.
- 7) indicate on the prescription label the medication was dispensed at the satellite pharmacy.
- 8) have the satellite computer linked to the primary pharmacy computer and, therefore, access to the DPIN database.
- 9) not leave medications at the satellite site when the pharmacy is not open.
- 10) display a sign identifying the satellite pharmacy hours and the identity and telephone number of the primary pharmacy.
- 11) not locate in an area with a licensed pharmacy.

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