



Satellite Proprietary Pharmacy Permit Criteria

The intention of these criteria is to encourage innovative pharmacy services; to respond to community needs as the provision of health care services in the province changes, and to increase the accessibility of the pharmacist in those communities. A Satellite Proprietary Pharmacy Permit application will be considered for a community in which there is no conventional pharmacy service at the time of application.

Most pharmacy permit requirements apply to a Satellite Pharmacy, with some exceptions.

A Satellite Pharmacy:

Must be associated with a proprietary base pharmacy;

Must identify the base pharmacy with which it is associated on the application form;

Must have regular, posted hours, to a maximum of 16 hours per week;

Must meet minimum size requirements (20 square feet of working area) for the pharmacy and the dispensing counter;

Must meet the Professional Services Area requirements;

Must have a sink; water supply (excluding washroom facilities); sewage disposal; printing device, and refrigerator available in the pharmacy;

Must use pharmacy specific prescription labels (i.e. address of satellite);

Must have its own telephone line and fax line;

Must be connected to the Saskatchewan Drug Plan network;

Must order its own inventory of narcotic and controlled drugs;

Must carry sufficient inventory to meet the prescribing practice of local physician, and the needs of the community; and

Must implement an appropriate delivery system for medications that are dispensed from base pharmacy (i.e. compounds);

May use common prescription numbers and patient profiles if the satellite and base pharmacies are computer linked and each new and refill prescription must clearly indicate whether it was filled at the base or the satellite pharmacy; and

May be exempt from, with the approval of the Registrar and the Field Officer:

- exterior or interior signs (some signage will be required)
- compounding equipment requirements including torsion balance
- a portion of the reference library requirements (will require at least the CPS and a Drug Interaction text);

Will meet the continuous quality improvement (CQI) requirements including;

- having a unique username and password for the CPhIR (Community Pharmacy Incident Reporting) system and submitting incidents specific to the satellite location.
- completing a MSSA (Medication Safety Self-Assessment) every two years in conjunction with the base pharmacy (one MSSA for base pharmacy and all satellites associated with the base pharmacy)
- participating in the development of a quality improvement plan with the base pharmacy staff. Improvement initiatives specific to the satellites will be included in the improvement plan developed with base pharmacy.
- participating in continuous quality improvement (CQI) meetings along with the base pharmacy staff.
- having a Quality Improvement (QI) Coordinator designated for the satellite pharmacy. The QI Coordinator designated for the base pharmacy may also be the the QI Coordinator for all satellite pharmacies associated with the base pharmacy.

Will not be eligible for a Lock and Leave Permit; and

Will be assessed 50% of proprietary pharmacy permit fee.