



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR PHARMACY BOARD

Policy

Licensing Criteria for Satellite Pharmacies in Rural Communities Without Conventional Pharmacy Service

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Introduction

It is the intention of these guidelines to encourage to the expansion of pharmacy services to areas where conventional practice is not available at the time of application and to increase the accessibility to a pharmacist in those communities. It is meant to maximize the role of the pharmacist in responding to community needs in an ever changing system of health care delivery.

A Satellite Pharmacy:

1. Must be associated with a fully licensed base pharmacy.
2. Will not be licensed for operation where there is a fully licensed pharmacy operating within 30km.
3. Must cease operation when a fully licensed pharmacy within 30km receives a Pharmacy Business License. The satellite pharmacy will be given 60 days notice to cease operation.
4. Must meet the Standards of Pharmacy Operation and Standards of Pharmacy Service requirements of the pharmacy legislation.
5. May be exempted from some of the Standards of Pharmacy Operation requirements with the approval of the Secretary-Registrar and the Board.
6. Must use unique prescription labels.
7. May use common prescription numbers and share patient profiles if the base pharmacy and its satellite are computer linked. Each new and refill prescription must clearly indicate whether it was filled at the satellite or base pharmacy.
8. Must use a computer system for filling prescriptions and maintaining patient profiles.
9. Must maintain its own narcotic and controlled drugs and narcotic and controlled drugs records.
10. Must carry sufficient inventory to meet the prescription needs of the community and the prescribing practices of local physicians.
11. Must have regular, posted hours, to a maximum of 16 hours per calendar week.
12. If the base pharmacy is outside the local telephone service area of the community in which the satellite pharmacy is located, the satellite pharmacy must make available toll-free telephone service to the base pharmacy, and inform patients of the hours of availability of a pharmacist at the base pharmacy.

13. Will be assessed 50% of the full-time Pharmacy Business Licence fee.

The Pharmacist-in-Charge of a Satellite Pharmacy:

1. Must be the registered pharmacist-in-charge of the base pharmacy.
2. Must make application to the Secretary-Registrar for permission to operate a satellite pharmacy. This application will be assessed by a committee appointed by the Board, and will include input from the community, with a report forwarded to the Board for approval or rejection.