

POLICY STATEMENT(S):

1. It is permissible for a licensed pharmacy to be closed temporarily for up to 14 consecutive days without surrendering its operating license, provided that the following provisions are performed:
 - Contact all prepared prescription recipients to advise of the closure and given them the opportunity to obtain their prepared prescription prior to the temporary closure start date. Any prepared prescriptions remaining in the pharmacy at the time of the temporary closure must be returned to inventory and reversed on the patients' PharmaNet record.
 - Post notices to the public at least 30 days prior to the temporary closure start date.
 - Post signage at the store entrance and provide a telephone answering machine message advising the public about the closure, its duration, the location of the nearest licensed pharmacy, and other information to assist with obtaining necessary pharmacy services during the closure period.
 - Make alternate arrangements with local prescribers.

BACKGROUND:

These policy statements supplement PODSA Bylaw 9(5).