

This policy sets out requirements for pharmacy managers on complying with their pharmacy equipment obligations under the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act* (“PODSA”) Bylaws section 18(2)(v). Additional equipment requirements for drugs that require cold chain management are set out in *PPP-68 Cold Chain Management*.

Note that PODSA Bylaws section 25(2) has additional requirements for community pharmacies and telepharmacies.

**POLICY STATEMENT(S):**

1. The dispensary of all community pharmacies or telepharmacies at a minimum must have the following equipment ~~as per PODSA Bylaw 18(2)(w).~~
  - ~~(a) Telephone,~~
  - ~~(bg) Ffax machine,~~
  - ~~(b) Refrigerator~~
  - ~~(c) Prescription filing supplies~~
  - ~~(cd) digital p~~Prescription balance having with a sensitivity rating readability of 0.01g or smaller, and associated calibration tools.
  - ~~(e) Metric weights (10 mg to 50 g) for balances requiring weights or instruments with equivalent capability~~
  - ~~(df) Metric scale glass at least one 10mL graduated cylinder (a selection, including 10 ml size),~~
  - ~~(eg) m~~Mortar and pestle,
  - ~~(fh) s~~Spatulas ~~(metal and nonmetallic),~~
  - ~~(gi) f~~Funnels ~~(glass or plastic),~~
  - ~~(hj) s~~Stirring rods ~~(glass or plastic),~~
  - ~~(ik) o~~Ointment slab or parchment paper,
  - ~~(jl) c~~Counting tray,
  - ~~(m) Disposable drinking cups~~
  - ~~(n) Double sink with running hot and cold water~~
  - ~~(ok) s~~Soap in a dispenser, and
  - ~~(l) paper towels in a dispenser, and~~
  - ~~(mp) p~~Plastic or metal garbage containers to be used with plastic liners,
  - ~~(q) Fax machine~~
- ~~2. All community pharmacies must have a dedicated high-speed internet connection.~~
23. All hospital pharmacies and hospital pharmacy satellites must be adequately equipped to provide safe and proper medication compounding, dispensing and/or preparation of medication orders, and for the provision of patient-oriented and administrative pharmacy services.
3. Pharmacy equipment must be clean and sanitary, well-maintained, and properly functioning.

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