Draft Standards for
Community Pharmacy Practice Accreditation

Overview and Instructions

Public Comment Period June 30-August 15, 2012

Overview

The Center for Pharmacy Practice Accreditation (CPPA), a joint initiative by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) seeks your input on draft standards for community pharmacy practice accreditation. These standards will serve as the basis for community pharmacy practice accreditation and are designed to both facilitate the provision of quality pharmacy services to patients and stimulate and recognize innovative community pharmacy practices.

The development of the draft standards was coordinated by the American Pharmacists Association. As part of the process of developing consensus based standards, APhA appointed a committee of 18 individuals from a broad array of practice settings, nominated by national pharmacy organizations, to develop the initial draft standards for community pharmacy practice accreditation. CPPA’s Standards Development Oversight Committee and Board have reviewed and approved the release of these draft standards for public review and comment.

Your participation in reviewing and providing input on the standards is fundamentally important. In this regard, APhA and CPPA greatly appreciate your feedback on the standards. Comments and suggestions will be carefully considered as we work towards a final version of the standards. Once the public comment period concludes on August 15, 2012, all suggestions for revision will be tabulated, reviewed, and carefully considered by APhA’s Standards Development Working Committee and the CPPA Standards Oversight Committee as part of the consensus building process. A final version of the Standards will then be submitted for approval to the CPPA Board of Directors.

It is important to note that the final version of the Accreditation Standards will be accompanied by a companion “Guidance Document” that will provide interpretative guidance and a glossary of terms for use by accreditation surveyors and participating pharmacy practices. The guidance document will be developed by CPPA taking into account input received during the public comment period and will advise pharmacy practices on how Standards will be interpreted when conducting the accreditation site surveys.
Instructions for Submitting Comments

Comment Period: June 30–August 15, 2012

All materials for submitting comments can be accessed at http://cppa.pharmacist.com. Reviewers are invited to comment on overall aspects of the Draft Standards for Community Pharmacy Practice Accreditation and also provide specific comments on individual standards. Comments must be submitted using the online comment submission form. When submitting comments, reviewers will be asked to provide input and feedback on the following questions:

• Will the draft standards create value for those receiving services through pharmacy practices?
• Are the draft standards appropriate and achievable by community pharmacy practices over the next 1-5 years?
• Will the draft standards result in improved pharmacy practice?
• Do the draft standards promote positive service outcomes in pharmacy practices?
• Do the draft standards reflect contemporary community pharmacy practice?
• Do the draft standards serve to facilitate innovation in community pharmacy practice?
• Are the draft standards written in a clear and understandable manner?
• For each Standard Domain, what additions, deletions, and/or other modifications are suggested?
• For each of the standards in a Standard Domain, what comments do you have, including what should be assessed during the accreditation survey process?

How to Submit Comments – Comments must be received by 5 pm ET on August 15, 2012

• Access the online comment submission form at: http://aphanet.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2lzXXWuc5QQ0uqM
• Enter your name, organization, and contact information
• Enter your comments for each question into the comment submission form. It is important to note the following:
  • Comments are automatically saved when you enter them in the comment submission form. If you want to go back to a previous screen, press the “back arrow” in the lower left corner of the screen (not the web browser back key). You will be able to scroll back to make changes to your comments without losing information that has been entered.
  • You also may exit the system and return later to comment on questions that have not been answered. To do so, click on the link to the comment submission form using the same computer originally used to start the comment process. You will be routed to the place in the comment submission form where you last stopped.
  • The final step is a prompt to submit comments. Once you click on the Next button in the lower left corner of the screen, the comment submission form will close and no further comments can be added.

Again, thank you for your involvement in this process and for your assistance in developing a meaningful program of community pharmacy practice accreditation. If you should have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Tom Temple, Consultant to APhA on Pharmacy Practice Accreditation, ttempleconsulting@gmail.com, 515-240-4236 or Anne Burns, Senior Vice President, Professional Affairs, APhA aburns@aphanet.org, 202-429-7522.