

Conditions of Sale for Low-Dose Exempted Codeine Products

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1. Purpose This guide supports responsible sale of low-dose exempted codeine products by ensuring pharmacist training, use of evidence-based medSask guidelines, proper patient assessment, safer therapy recommendations, and referral when needed.	
Regulatory Background Low-dose exempted codeine products are controlled under the Food and Drugs Act, Food and Drug Regulations, Narcotic Control Regulations, and SCPP Regulatory Bylaws.	Maximum Sale Limit Non-prescription sale must not exceed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50 solid dosage units, or• 100 mL liquid preparation.
2. Seller Requirement Only a licensed pharmacist, or a pharmacist intern under immediate pharmacist supervision, who has completed the required medSask training may sell these Schedule II products.	
3. Pharmacist Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sell only for a bona fide medical or dental reason.• Refuse sale if there are reasonable grounds to suspect non-medical use.• Assess appropriateness using medSask guidance.• Review local and PIP profiles with each request.• Document the sale and complete a Pharmacist Assessment Record.• Use professional judgment for patient identification verification.	
Patient on OAT Educate the patient about risks of using codeine with methadone or buprenorphine/naloxone. Recommend non-opioid alternatives or refer when appropriate.	Age Safety Note Non-prescription pain relief products containing codeine are not recommended for individuals under 18 years.
4. Sale and Storage Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only one consumer package may be sold per occasion.• Multiple sales to the same customer are not permitted.• Pharmacies may not repackage these products into smaller quantities.• Prescription quantities above the non-prescription limit may be dispensed when prescribed by an authorized prescriber.	
5. Documentation Requirements Record on the patient profile: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date of purchase• Product name• Quantity sold• Assessment rationale through PAR• PIP and DPEBB record for purchaser and intended user, if different	
6. Authority and Resources Food and Drugs Act; Food and Drug Regulations; Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; Narcotic Control Regulations, Section 36; SCPP Regulatory Bylaws, Part J, Sections 7 and 8; Health Canada advisories; medSask Exempted Codeine Products Guidelines.	