

National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®)

Digital Pharmacy Accreditation Standards Overview

A pharmacy seeking accreditation through NABP must meet or exceed the standards in each of the following areas: the accreditation standards (Section ACC), which are applicable for all NABP accreditation programs; the pharmacy standards (Section PHY), which are applicable to all NABP pharmacy accreditation programs; and the program specific standards for which the pharmacy is seeking accreditation.

The following is a summary of the standards required for an applicant who is seeking NABP Digital Pharmacy Accreditation. This tool is to help provide a preview of the standards you can anticipate being required for accreditation.

SECTION ACC: ACCREDITATION STANDARDS		
ACC. A	General Qualifications	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terms and conditions• Eligible Entity• Document submission• Business location• Financial management• Shared services/affiliates• Website• Professionalism/ethics
ACC. B	Licensure	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Licensed• Scope
ACC. C	Facility	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facility requirements• Disaster plan, emergency preparedness, and recovery
ACC. D	Personnel	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible persons• Organizational structure and formal human resources management practices• Personnel qualifications prehire and ongoing• Training
ACC. E	Compliance with Laws and Regulations	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General compliance• Disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, and civil settlements• Records

ACC. F	Drug/Device Procurement, Storage, Distribution, Dispensing, and Delivery	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement/source • Procurement/receiving • Controlled substances • Storage conditions • Inventory management, returns, and disposal • Distributions of prescription drugs/devices • Shipping, handling, and delivery • Outdated, returned, damaged, or suspect drugs/devices – quarantine process • Drug/device recalls
ACC. G	Quality Improvement	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program
ACC. H	Policies and Procedures	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies and procedure requirements
SECTION PHY: PHARMACY STANDARDS		
PHY. A	General Requirements	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualifications
PHY. B	Facility	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate environment
PHY. C	Personnel	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff requirements
PHY. D	Compliance with Laws and Regulations	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required reporting to state and federal agencies • Patient privacy • Co-location
PHY. E	Prescription/Order Processing	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Technology • Review of Prescription/order • Drug Use Review • Accuracy of dispensing
PHY. F	Patient Management	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient communications/counseling • Clinical references • Outcome measures
PHY. G	Quality Improvement	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident reporting system • Adverse event management • Feedback

SECTION DIG: DIGITAL PHARMACY STANDARDS		
DIG. A	General Requirements	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualifications • .pharmacy prerequisite • Website with at least one interactive service(s) • Scope of services
DIG. B	Compliance	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General compliance • Controlled substances/List 1 chemicals • Federal/state program participation (eg, Medicare/Medicaid) • Drug/device procurement • Shared services • REMS • Anti-kickback statutes
DIG. C	Prescription Processing/Fulfillment	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescription legitimacy • Prescription intake/fulfillment • Packaging • Shipping
DIG. D	Patient Management	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy availability • Record system • Patient counseling • Care coordination
DIG. E	Quality Improvement/ Quality Management Program	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance measures • Reporting
DIG. F	Policies and Procedures	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and procedure requirements

Please contact program staff at VIPPS@nabp.pharmacy or 847/391-4539 with any questions.

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