WAC 246-330-200 Pharmaceutical services. This section assures patient pharmaceutical needs are met in a planned and organized manner. This section is consistent with the requirements for a health care entity license under RCW 18.64.450 and chapter 246-904 WAC.

An ambulatory surgical facility must:

1. Only administer, dispense or deliver legend drugs and controlled substances to patients receiving care in the facility;
2. Assure drugs dispensed to patients are dispensed and labeled consistent with the requirements of RCW 18.64.246, and chapters 69.41 and 69.50 RCW;
3. Establish a process for selecting medications based on evaluating their relative therapeutic merits, safety, and cost; and
4. Designate a pharmacist consultant who is licensed in Washington state. The pharmacist consultant can be either employed or contracted by the facility. The pharmacist consultant is responsible for:
   a. Establishing policy and procedures related to:
      i. Purchasing, ordering, storing, compounding, delivering, dispensing and administering of controlled substances or legend drugs;
      ii. Assuring drugs are stored, compounded, delivered or dispensed according to all applicable state and federal rules and regulations;
      iii. Maintaining accurate inventory records and patient medical records related to the administration of controlled substances and legend drugs;
      iv. Maintaining any other records required by state and federal regulations;
      v. Security of legend drugs and controlled substances; and
      vi. Controlling access to controlled substances and legend drugs.
   b. Establishing a process for completing all forms for the purchase and order of legend drugs and controlled substances; and
   c. Establishing a method for verifying receipt of all legend drugs and controlled substances purchased and ordered by the ambulatory surgical facility.

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