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Policy Aim

1. The aim of this policy is to provide a standard framework for the assurance of safe and effective handling of Schedule 5, Specified Schedule 5 and Schedule 6 medicines.

Policy Scope

2. This policy is applicable to all pharmacists and pharmacy support personnel as well as all other Health Care Professionals who render pharmaceutical related service.

Policy Statement

3. It is the policy of the Northern Cape Department of Health that Schedule 5, Specified Schedule 5 and Schedule 6 medicines are handled in accordance with the following principles:

3.1. Introduction to the Procurement of Medicines

- 3.1.1. The Northern Cape Department of Health participates in the National Tender process. This process consists of the following:

3.1.1.1 Price negotiations for the procurement of medicines for the public sector are carried out on a national level.

3.1.1.2 After tenders have been decided upon and awarded, medicines is purchased directly from the supplier via the Provincial Medical Depot, except Large Volume Parenteral and Stoma-therapy products, which are bought directly at District level.

3.1.1.3 Medicines which can be procured must be included in the Provincial Formulary¹. These medicines form mostly part of the Essential Medicines List.

¹ "Provincial Formulary means A list of medicines that is approved for the use in the health care system by authorised prescribers and dispensers"

