

Change in the Requirement to Have a Prescription to Sell Needles and Syringes

As of September 12, 2009, the requirement in section 27.18(s) that a prescription is needed to sell needles and syringes is no longer effective. Pharmacies can sell needles and syringes without a prescription. However, syringes and needles must still be kept in the prescription area of the pharmacy and sold only under the direct, immediate and personal supervision of a pharmacist. Pharmacies may wish to have information available to consumers regarding HIV, Hepatitis-C, drug abuse and treatment, proper disposal of needles and syringes or other health related topics.

Pamphlets may be ordered for free from the Pennsylvania Department of Health regarding a number of health related topics. The link below will take you to their clearinghouse website where available topics may be searched and ordered.

<http://webserver.health.state.pa.us/health/padohric/>

Information regarding proper disposal of needles and syringes is available for download from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at this web address:

<http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/Get/Document-77183/2540-PA-DEP1857.pdf>