

New pharmacist regulations getting closer in Yukon

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New legislation to expand pharmacists' scope of practice in Yukon has reached the public consultation phase.

From April 21 to July 21, 2017, the public is invited to provide feedback on proposed changes to the regulation of pharmacy and pharmacists.

Under the proposed regulations, pharmacists will gain authority to extend an existing prescription beyond the refills authorized by the prescriber, to adapt an existing prescription and to administer a drug directly to the patient by inhalation.

Yukon also wants feedback on the proposed standards of practice for pharmacists and rural permit holders, as well as a new code of ethics that will apply to both pharmacists and rural permit holders. The initiative to modernize pharmacy regulations also includes new mandatory rules for rural permit holders—typically physicians who dispense drugs.

"Our goal is to provide Yukoners with a modern pharmacist regulatory framework that will allow Yukon pharmacists to provide safe and efficient healthcare services on par with other Canadian jurisdictions," John Streicker, minister of community services, said in a statement.

Once complete, the new legislation will ensure a level of pharmacy services and standards in Yukon that are more consistent with those in other jurisdictions in Canada, according to the government website.

Drafts for review are available [here](#).
