**Section 250.2110 Service Requirements**

a) The Hospital shall provide a Pharmacy or Drug and Medicine Service (system) acceptable to the Department for the care and treatment of patients.

b) A Pharmacy or Drug and Medicine Service Policy and Procedure Manual, developed by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, shall identify the Service (system) and manner of operation.

c) The service shall be under the direction of a registered pharmacist employed by the hospital on a full-time, a part-time or consulting basis. Responsibilities of the pharmacist must be identified in the Policy and Procedure Manual or other document.

d) A pharmacy shall be staffed at all times by a registered pharmacist during open hours. At all other times, the pharmacy shall be locked. Provisions must be made for a pharmacist or pharmaceutical service on call during times when the pharmacy is not open.

e) When a pharmacist is absent from the hospital, a registered professional nurse may have access to the pharmacy. The nurse may obtain a single dose, manufacturer's original package, or container prepackaged under the supervision of a pharmacist of a drug or medication, necessary to administer to a patient in carrying out treatment and medication orders of a prescriber. A signed receipt for the drugs and medicines removed shall be left for the pharmacist.

f) Vending machines for the storage and supply of drugs, used in the facility, shall be stocked only under the supervision of a pharmacist. They shall be securely locked, shall provide a record of what was supplied and to whom. The drugs contained therein may be released from such machines only by a registered professional nurse, physician or pharmacist.

g) All drugs and medicines shall be stored and dispensed in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations.