

# Pharmacy Compounding of Non-sterile Preparations FAQs

## How long do I have to meet the new standards at my pharmacy?

The rules will apply to new pharmacies effective immediately, but existing locations have time to comply via the phased implementation plan. All compounding pharmacies must achieve the standards involving human factors (risk assessment, personal protective equipment, additional training, etc.) by January 1, 2020. Other areas that may require renovations or additional equipment have a deadline of July 1, 2020.

## What is the difference between the standards and guidance documents?

Standards establish requirements, using the language of “must.” A regulated member must comply with each standard, and failure to comply with a standard may be considered unprofessional conduct.

Guidelines use the language of “should” and establish the professionally accepted means by which regulated members can achieve compliance with the standards. Guidelines are not recommendations; they establish the expected conduct of regulated members.

## What should I do if I am uncertain about the risk level of a compound?

If there is uncertainty as to the level of risk, then the licensee should always defer to the higher standard.