



Assessment Criteria for State Drug Procurement
and Distribution System



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Standards

Standard 1

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Standard 2

- State ensures quality of drugs procured and dispensed

Standard 3

- State has efficient system for storage and distribution of drugs and consumables

Standard 4

- State ensures rational prescription practices

Standard 5

- State ensures accessibility and affordability of drugs to end user

Measurable Elements	
Standard 1	State has efficient and transparent drug procurement mechanism
ME 1.1	State has a functional central procurement agency for drugs/consumables and Equipment
ME 1.2	State has an established procedure for selecting suppliers for drugs/consumables and equipment
ME 1.3	State has system for maintaining transparency and credibility in drug procurement system
ME 1.4	State ensures optimal estimation of requirements and purchasing of drugs
Standard 2	State ensures quality of drugs procured and dispensed
ME 2.1	State has adequate structure for quality control of drugs
ME 2.2	There is a system for reporting Adverse drug reaction
ME 2.3	State has established system for quality assurance of drugs
Standard 3	State has efficient system for storage and distribution of drugs and consumables
ME 3.1	State ensures adequate structural arrangements for storage of drugs
ME 3.2	State ensures safe and scientific storage of drugs
ME 3.3	State has adequate arrangement for transportation of drugs
ME 3.4	State has scientific inventory management system in place
ME 3.5	State has an efficient and responsive distribution system that ensures no stock outs under all circumstances.
Standard 4	State ensures rational prescription practices
ME 4.1	State has formulated and disseminated essential drug list
ME 4.2	State has developed and established Standard treatment guidelines
ME 4.3	State ensures rational prescription and use of drugs
Standard 5	State ensures accessibility and affordability of drugs to end user
ME 5.1	State ensures adequate allocation and optimal utilization of financial resources
ME 5.2	Facility ensures availability of essential drugs free of cost at the public health facilities
ME 5.3	State informs community/patients of free drug entitlements
ME 5.4	State measures drug availability and accessibility indicators and tries to improve it to reach national benchmarks.
ME 5.5	State ensures the availability and uninterrupted supply of drugs and consumables to frontline workers and out reach services

