

## Notice from the Executive Officer: Drug Submission – Submission Requirements: Valved Holding Chambers (VHCs)

To help manufacturers prepare a submission to have a Valved Holding Chamber (VHC) considered for funding through the Ontario Drug Benefit Program, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has updated its Ontario Guidelines for Drug Submission and Evaluation (Guidelines) by adding a new section - **Part XII.1. - Guidelines for Valved Holding Chambers.**

**The updated Guidelines take effect on January 1, 2018.**

The updated Guidelines reflect current policy requirements for manufacturer submissions regarding VHCs.

Highlights include:

- Effective January 1, 2018, the ministry will fund VHCs through the ODB program. If a VHC product is listed on the Formulary, the VHC product would be eligible for reimbursement when it is prescribed for ODB-eligible recipients aged 12 years and under. A quantity restriction of one VHC per patient per year would apply.
- New section (Part XII.1.) to describe submission requirements and policies that relate to VHCs.

The updated Guidelines will also be available on the ministry's [website](#) by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.