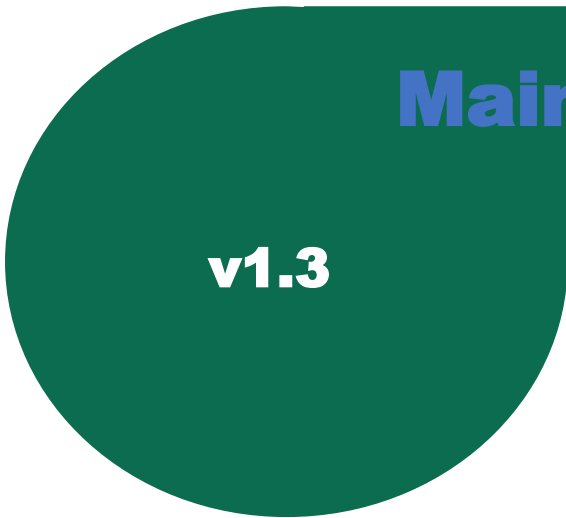
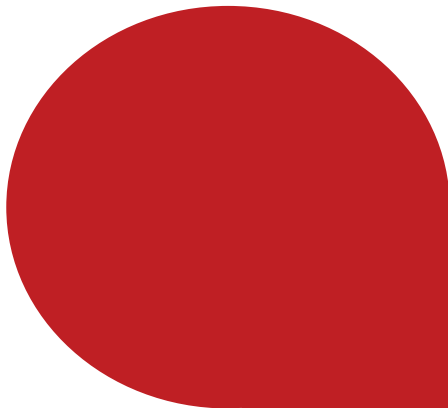




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## Maintenance Support

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## 6 Maintenance Support

### Domain 6.2 CLINICAL GOVERNANCE AND CLINICAL CARE

#### Sub Domain 6.2.1 9 Waste management

**Standard 6.2.1.1 9(1)** The health establishment must ensure that waste is handled, stored, and disposed of safely in accordance with the law.

**Criterion 6.2.1.1.1 9(2)(b)** The health establishment must implement procedures for the collection, handling, storage and disposal of waste.

**6.2.1.1.1.1** The health care risk waste and general waste storage areas comply with the legal requirements.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

Check the aspects listed below to verify whether the central storage areas for health care waste comply with the minimum requirements in accordance with the Regulations relating to Health Care Waste

Management in Health Establishments. Score 1 if compliant and score 0 if not compliant.

Score	Comment
<b>Aspects</b>	<b>Score</b> <b>Comment</b>
<b>General waste storage area</b>	
1. General waste is stored in a designated area.	
2. General waste is stored in appropriate containers which are neatly packed or stacked	
<b>Health care Risk waste storage area</b>	
3. The area is enclosed and protected from natural elements (rain, wind and sun)	
4. Health care risk waste is stored in an access-controlled area	
5. Health care risk waste storage area is clean	
6. Health care risk waste storage area is free from rodents	

7. Health care risk waste storage area is well ventilated		
8. Health care risk waste containers are not stored directly on the floor, i.e., they are stored on shelves or pallets or wheelie bins		
9. The area has access to water to hose the area down		
10. The area has adequate drainage for the water		
11. The area is marked with the international bio-hazard symbol		

**6.2.1.1.1.2** There is no accumulation of general waste in the health establishment.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Essential measure

Observe that there is no accumulation of general waste.

Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

#### Domain 6.4 GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

**Sub Domain 6.4.1 20** Occupational health and safety

**Standard 6.4.1.1 20(1)** The health establishment must comply with the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993.

**Criterion 6.4.1.1.1 20(2)(b) Awareness of safety and security issues must be promoted.**

**6.4.1.1.1.1** Safety and security notices are displayed.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Essential measure

Safety and security notices must be displayed including but not limited to signs indicating the following: notices prohibiting smoking, dangerous weapons not allowed, emergency exits, assembly points, location of stored flammable materials and location of the first aid box. This could also be a disclaimer sign.

Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

#### Domain 6.5 FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**Sub Domain 6.5.2 14** Management of buildings and grounds

**Standard 6.5.2.1 14(1)** The health establishment and their grounds must meet the requirements of the building regulations.

**Criterion 6.5.2.1.1 14(2)(a) The health establishment must as appropriate for the type of buildings and grounds of the establishment have all the required compliance certificates in terms of the building regulations.**

**6.5.2.1.1.1** The building(s) comply with safety regulations.

**Assessment type:** Document - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

Use the checklist below to check whether the building(s) are compliant with safety regulations. Score 1 if compliant and score 0 if not compliant.

Score	Comment

Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Fire safety compliance certificates. Explanatory note: This refers to the certificate issued by the municipality. The certificate is issued when the building is commissioned or when major renovations have been undertaken in the building.		
2. Electrical compliance certificates. Explanatory note: Electrical Certificates of Compliance (C.O.C) are documents issued by a qualified and registered electrician. They function as a guarantee that all work carried out within an office or building conforms to the regulations set out by the Electrical Contracting Board of South Africa (ECB).		

**6.5.2.1.1.2** Fire extinguishing devices are serviced annually.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

Each fire extinguishing device must have a label indicating the date that it was serviced and the date that the next service is due.

Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

**Criterion 6.5.2.1.2 14(2)(b)** The health establishment must as appropriate for the type of buildings and grounds of the establishment have a maintenance plan for buildings and the grounds.

**6.5.2.1.2.1** Maintenance schedule for buildings is available.

**Assessment type:** Document - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

The maintenance plan will ensure optimum efficiency of infrastructure and installations. A documented maintenance schedule must be available.

Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

**6.5.2.1.2.2** Maintenance schedule for grounds is available.

**Assessment type:** Document - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

The maintenance plan will ensure health establishment grounds are in good condition. A documented maintenance schedule for health establishment grounds must be available.

Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

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**6.5.2.1.2.3** The health establishment building(s) are maintained.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Essential measure

Observe the condition of the various areas of the building (s) using the aspects listed below. Score 1 if compliant and score 0 if not compliant. Score not applicable if the health establishment does not have the areas or the aspects listed.

Score	Comment

**Unit 1 EXTERIOR OF ALL BUILDINGS OF THE HEALTH ESTABLISHMENT**

Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Walls are intact and not damaged		
2. Ceiling is intact and not damaged. Explanatory note: this could include but is not limited to veranda or patio.		
3. Gutters or PVC pipes are intact and not damaged.		
4. Entrance doors are in working condition and not damaged.		
5. Lights are functional and not broken		
6. Grounds and floors (where applicable) are intact and not damaged		

**Unit 2 EMERGENCY UNIT - INTERIOR OF THE BUILDING**

Aspects	Score	Comment
<b>Waiting area and Reception - Emergency Unit</b>		
1. Walls are intact and not damaged		
2. Ceiling is intact and not damaged		
3. Lights are functional and not broken		
4. Windows are in working condition (Glass or handles not broken)		
5. Floor is intact and not damaged		

<b>Consulting rooms - Emergency Unit</b>		
6. Walls are intact and not damaged		
7. Ceiling is intact and not damaged		
8. Lights are functional and not broken		
9. Windows are in working condition (Glass or handles not broken)		
10. Floor is intact and not damaged		
11. Doors are in working condition and not damaged		

**Unit 3 MIDWIFE OBSTETRIC UNIT - INTERIOR OF THE BUILDING**

<b>Aspects</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Observation and Delivery room - MOU</b>		
1. Walls are intact and not damaged		
2. Ceiling is intact and not damaged		
3. Lights are functional and not broken		
4. Windows are in working condition (Glass or handles not broken)		
5. Floor is intact and not damaged		
6. Doors are in working condition and not damaged		
<b>Ablution facilities - MOU</b>		
7. Walls are intact and not damaged		
8. Lights are functional and not broken.		
9. Ceiling is intact and not damaged		
10. Doors are in working condition and not damaged		
11. Functional basins (Basins should not be blocked, broken, or have cracks).		
12. Taps are functional and not broken.		
13. Windows are in working condition (Glass or handles not broken).		
14. The toilets are functional and not broken		

15. The urinals are functional and not broken		
16. Floor is intact and not damaged		

Unit 4 CLINICAL SERVICES AREA - INTERIOR OF BUILDING

Aspects	Score	Comment
<b>Waiting areas - Clinical services</b>		
1. Walls are intact and not damaged		
2. Ceiling is intact and not damaged		
3. Lights are functional and not broken		
4. Floor is intact and not damaged		
5. Windows are in working condition and not broken (glass and handles)		
<b>Ablution facilities - Clinical services</b>		
6. Walls are intact and not damaged		
7. Ceiling is intact and not damaged		
8. Lights are functional and not broken		
9. Floor is intact and not damaged		
10. Windows are in working condition and not broken (glass and handles)		
11. Doors are in working condition and not broken		
12. Functional basins (Basins should not be blocked, broken, or have any cracks)		
13. Taps are functional and not broken		
14. Toilets are functional and not broken		
15. Urinals are functional and not broken		
<b>Consulting rooms - Clinical services</b>		
16. Walls are intact and not damaged		
17. Ceiling is intact and not damaged		
18. Lights are functional and not broken		

19. Windows are in working condition and not broken (glass or handles)		
20. Floor is intact and not damaged		
21. Doors are in working condition and not damaged		
<b>Vital signs or Observation room - Clinical services</b>		
22. Walls are intact and not damaged		
23. Ceiling is intact and not damaged		
24. Lights are functional and not broken		
25. Windows are in working condition and not broken (glass and handles)		
26. Doors are in working condition and not damaged		
27. Floor is intact and not damaged		

**Criterion 6.5.2.1.3 14(2)(c) The health establishment must as appropriate for the type of buildings and grounds of the establishment ensure emergency exit and entrance points are provided in all service areas and kept clear at all times.**

**6.5.2.1.3.1** The emergency vehicle entrance is free from any obstruction or hazards.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

Obstructions can delay the transfer of users into the emergency unit or MOU to receive emergency treatment. Hazards or obstructions could include but are not limited to hawkers, potholes and debris at the entrance to the premises and vehicles parked in unauthorised areas.

Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

**Sub Domain 6.5.3 15** Engineering services

**Standard 6.5.3.1 15(1)** The health establishment must ensure that engineering services are in place.

**Criterion 6.5.3.1.1 15(2)** The health establishment must have 24-hour electrical power, lighting, medical gas, water supply and sewerage disposal system.

**6.5.3.1.1.1** Emergency power supply is available.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

Back-up power supply system must always be available in case of power supply disruption. This could be a generator or a solar power system or any backup power supply system.

Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment



**6.5.3.1.1.2** The back-up power supply system is tested and maintained.

**Assessment type:** Document - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

Request the records listed below and assess the back-up power supply system utilized by the health establishment. Score 1 if compliant and score 0 if not compliant.

Score	Comment	
Aspects	Score	Comment
<p>1. The back-up power supply system (e.g., generator or solar power system or any power supply system) is tested for functionality in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.</p> <p>Explanatory notes: The manufacturer's instructions must be available, as well as the logbook indicating the testing done on the back-up power supply system in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. In cases where the original manufacturer's instructions are not available, a guiding document developed by the local engineering or maintenance department (can be district, provincial, etc.) must be available.</p>		
<p>2. The back-up power supply system is maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.</p> <p>Explanatory note: The manufacturer's instructions must be available, as well as maintenance records indicating that maintenance has been carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. In cases where the original manufacturer's instructions are not available, a guiding document developed by the local engineering or maintenance department (can be district, provincial, etc.) must be available.</p>		

**6.5.3.1.1.3** The health establishment has a functional piped water supply.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

The health establishment must provide clean water in a manner that protects the water from contamination. The water supply for the health establishment must be piped and connected to the reticulation system.

Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

**6.5.3.1.1.4** Emergency water supply is available.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

Emergency water supply must always be available in case of water supply interruptions. Water can be made available through but not limited to containers with lids or water tanks e.g., JoJo tank, Roto tank, etc; or access to water trucks (this can be documented evidence).

Score	Comment

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**6.5.3.1.1.5** The sewerage system is functional.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

The inspector must carry out rudimentary visual inspections of the sewerage system to ensure that there are no blocked pipes, leaking pipes or other potential hazards at the time of the inspection. Pit toilets will be scored non-compliant.

Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

**Sub Domain 6.5.4 16** Transport management

**Standard 6.5.4.1 16(1)** The health establishment must ensure that vehicles used to transport users and health care personnel are safe and well maintained.

**Criterion 6.5.4.1.1 16(2)(a)** The health establishment must ensure that vehicles, owned or used, are licensed and maintained.

**6.5.4.1.1.1** Official vehicles used to render services or transport users are licensed annually.

**Assessment type:** Document - **Risk rating:** Essential measure

As required in Chapter 3 of the National Road Traffic Act No 93 of 1996, section 4, valid copies of license certificates for all vehicles must be available.

Not applicable: Where the health establishment is not responsible for the management of vehicles.

Score	Comment

**6.5.4.1.1.2** Official vehicles used to render services or to transport users are serviced according to the manufacturer's schedule.

**Assessment type:** Document - **Risk rating:** Essential measure

Request the service schedule for all vehicles and request evidence of the services conducted on the vehicle as documented in the schedule. This could include the service invoices from the service provider.

Not applicable: Where the health establishment is not responsible for the management of vehicles.

Score	Comment

**Criterion 6.5.4.1.2 16(2)(b)** The health establishment must ensure that drivers have a valid driver's license and or public transport driving permit.

**6.5.4.1.2.1** Health care personnel driving official vehicles to render services or transport users have a valid driver's license.

**Assessment type:** Document - **Risk rating:** Essential measure

As required in Chapter 4 of the National Road Traffic Act No 93 of 1996, section 12, every health care personnel driving official vehicles must be in possession of an appropriate license in compliance with the National Road Traffic Act regulations. Copies of valid driver's licenses must be available.

Not applicable: Where the health establishment is not responsible for the management of vehicles.

Score	Comment

**6.5.4.1.2.2** Health care personnel driving official vehicles where applicable, have valid professional driver's permit.

**Assessment type:** Document - **Risk rating:** Essential measure

As required in Chapter 4 of the National Road Traffic Act No 93 of 199, section 32, every health care personnel driving official vehicles where applicable, must be in possession of a professional driver's permit. Copies of a valid professional driver's permit must be available.

Not applicable: Where health care personnel are legally not required to have a professional driver's permit or where the clinic is not responsible for the management of vehicles.

Score	Comment

**Sub Domain 6.5.1 17** Security services

**Standard 6.5.1.1 17(1)** The health establishment must have systems to protect users, health care personnel and property from security threats and risks.

**Criterion 6.5.1.1.1 17 Security systems must safeguard the building, users, visitors and health care personnel.**

**6.5.1.1.1.1** Systems are in place to ensure safety within the health establishment premises.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

Inspect the systems in operation to safeguard occupants of the health establishment. Note that security systems could include but not limited to physical security personnel or systems (boom gates, CCTV, biometrics).

Score	Comment



### Official Sign-Off

The National Health Act, 2003 (Act No. 61 of 2003) provides for quality requirements and standards in respect of health services provided by health establishments to the public. The main objective is to promote and protect the health and safety of the users of health services and contribute to improved outcomes and improved population health.

To achieve this mandate standardised inspection tools aligned to Norms and Standards Regulations applicable to different categories of health establishments promulgated by the Minister of Health in 2018 have been developed for Community Health Centres (CHC).

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