

Supply Chain Benefits

Real-Time Reporting and Dashboards

- Generate provincial inventory reports in real-time

Integrated Systems

- Accurate information on inventory simplifies the replenishment of products by anticipating need
- Access and manage vendor information and supplier agreements online

Planning Benefits

- Supply planning reports are electronically generated to ensure products are available when and where they are needed
- Planning reports are based on the patterns of past use of particular products

Standardization and Consistency

- Standard SKU codes and product descriptions for all inventory
- Standard process for product substitutions

Electronic Procedures

- Provides consistent provincial contract templates
- Contracts and agreements are processed electronically from the negotiation of terms, review of conditions to final review and sign-off

Supply Chain Q and As

Q: What is a SKU code?

A: A SKU (stock keeping unit) code is the number assigned to a product, which can be read by a bar scanner. This is a unique identifier separates a single product from all other products.

Q: How will standardizing SKUs and product descriptions help when ordering products?

A: Standardized SKUs and product descriptions ensure that the right products are ordered, and that inventory is trackable. It also makes a provincial reporting of supplies and purchasing patterns possible.

Q: How will an integrated system ensure that products are available when needed?

A: An integrated system can provide a provincial view of both available supplies, as well as outstanding orders. Based on this knowledge, products can be moved from another location or advance ordered before inventory is too low.

Q: How will an electronic process simplify the purchasing of products?

A: An online process provides a central source of information as to the status of an order at any time during the purchasing process. Historical information on patterns of order can anticipate needs, while information on current inventory levels, and the knowledge of the status of a particular order.