

Professional Supply Bags in Community-based Services

Professional supply bags are any type of bag or container used to transfer supplies from one place to another. This includes supplies used for home visits or outreach clinics.

Professional supply bags are considered non-critical items as they do not come in contact with the client. When in the client's home, the bag should be placed on a clean, dry surface away from small children, pets and confused individuals. If there are environmental concerns where care is provided, do not bring the supply bag into that site. When this is not possible, place a barrier under the bag. Discard barrier after use.

The professional bag will have ready access to at least two (2) compartments:

- Clean
- Contaminated

Special considerations for professional supply bags

- Perform hand hygiene prior to removing items.
- Remove all required supplies prior to performing care.
- Store documentation items in a separate panel in the clean compartment, or preferably in a clean external compartment of the professional bag. A second bag for documentation is also a viable option.
- Clean professional bags and contents at least monthly, and when visibly soiled.
- Clean all pockets, seams and straps inside and outside with a low-level disinfectant, according to manufacturer directions.