

**City of Newport Beach - Building Department**

**PLUMBING CODE POLICY**

<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Policy No.</b>
November 17, 2008	Separate Facilities for Medical Offices	CPC 412.3

CPC Section 412.3 requires separate toilet facilities for each sex to be provided in business uses. Exception 3 of this section allows a single occupant unisex toilet for business uses of 1,500 sf or less. Medical offices have an operational need to collect samples and specimens from patients, without requiring the patient to leave the office.

Medical offices not exceeding 1,800 sf net will be allowed to have a single unisex toilet facility provided the following conditions are met:

1. The toilet room is immediately adjacent to a lab area or connected by a specimen pass through area.
2. The toilet room is signed as "Specimen collection only" with signs directing patients and staff to the building toilet facilities.
3. Separate toilet facilities are provided within the building on the same floor.
4. The building restrooms remain available and unlocked during tenant business hours for patient, staff and visitor use.
5. The unisex restroom shall be removed, or separate male and female toilet facilities shall be provided, if the tenant space is no longer operating as a medical office.

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