

POLICY AREA	Medications & Treatments
TITLE OF POLICY	6.15 Medication & Treatment Orders
REGULATORY REFERENCE (if any)	
EFFECTIVE/REVISED DATE	XX/XX/XXXX

POLICY: To ensure a current, written prescriber’s order must be obtained for any treatment or medication administration provided to a resident. Prescriptions or orders that are to be implemented must be received from an authorized prescriber. And, to ensure ongoing evaluation of medications and treatments.

PROCEDURE:

- 1) The nurse is responsible for assuring that:
 - a. current, authorized prescriber orders for medications or treatments administered by the staff are kept on file in the residents’ records.
 - b. communicated to the resident or responsible party.
 - c. educate resident or responsible party on all medication and treatment orders, and
 - d. changes in orders are addressed in the resident’s service/care plan and are communicated to the other staff.
- 2) An order for medication or treatment must contain the name of the resident, a description of the medication, treatment, or therapy to be provided and the frequency, duration, and other information needed to carry out the order.
- 3) An order for medication or treatment must be dated, signed by the prescriber and must be current and consistent with the resident’s assessment.
- 4) The licensed nurse will communicate with the prescriber to assure that the prescriber renews a medication or treatment/therapy order regularly and as needed.
- 5) The licensed nurse will review all medication and treatment orders for progress, effectiveness, and necessity on a regular basis and with resident change of condition.
- 6) The license nurse will also monitor and evaluate medication and treatment/therapy orders and services for effectiveness on a regular basis.
- 7) A resident MAR and TAR will be audited regularly by a licensed nurse or designed person for documentation compliance.