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.