



TITLE:	MEDICATION – LABELING	POLICY 16.07
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PURPOSE:

Provides guidelines for labeling of medications.

SCOPE:

All nursing staff.

POLICY:

We strive to ensure that medications used for resident assistance or administration are properly labeled and maintained in original containers.

PROCEDURE:

Medication assistance and administration personnel shall ensure that all medications utilized in this facility bear a prescription label, if required, from the originating pharmacy firmly attached to the medication container and indicating the following information:

- a. Name, address and telephone number of the pharmacy
- b. A prescription number unique to this prescription
- c. The resident's name
- d. The prescribing health care practitioner's name
- e. Complete and correct directions for use
- f. Name and strength of the medication
- g. Quantity of medication dispensed
- h. Initials of dispensing pharmacist
- i. Expiration date of the medication
- j. The class number of all controlled substances
- k. Date prescribed

All non-legend medications utilized in this facility shall bear a label firmly attached to the medication container indicating the resident's name to whom it belongs, the date received and the initials of the receiving employee, as well as the manufacturer's original label.



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A label on a container of medications shall not be altered or replaced except by the pharmacist. Medication containers having soiled, damaged, incomplete or makeshift labels shall be returned to the pharmacy for re-labeling or disposal. Medications in containers having no labels or illegible labels shall be destroyed.

Medication organizers prepared by a licensed nurse must possess the following:

- a. The resident's name
- b. The names of the medications in the organizer
- c. The frequency of the dosage

EXCEPTIONS:

No exceptions to this policy may be granted without the prior written approval of the Director.

SUPERCEDES:

None