

## **G536**

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**§484.55(c)(5) A review of all medications the patient is currently using in order to identify any potential adverse effects and drug reactions, including ineffective drug therapy, significant side effects, significant drug interactions, duplicate drug therapy, and noncompliance with drug therapy.**

### **Interpretive Guidelines §484.55(c)(5)**

The patient's clinical record should identify all medications that the patient is taking (both prescription and non-prescription) as well as times of medication administration and route. As part of the comprehensive assessment the HHA nurse should consider, and the clinical record should document, that the HHA nurse considered each medication the patient is currently taking for possible side effects and the list of medications in its entirety for possible drug interactions. The HHA should have policies that guide HHA clinical staff in the event there is a concern identified with a patient's medication that should be reported to the physician.

In rehabilitation therapy only cases, the patient's therapist must submit a list of patient medications, which the therapist must collect during the comprehensive assessment, to an HHA nurse for review. The HHA should contact the physician if indicated.