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All medical orders, including verbal orders, shall be in writing or electronic format and signed by the practitioner. Verbal orders are for medications, treatments, interventions, or other resident care that are transmitted as oral, spoken communications between senders and receivers, delivered either face-to-face or via telephone. Verbal orders may be taken only when there is an urgent need to initiate or change a medical order. The practitioner shall sign or initial the orders for residents on the next visit to the facility. Each resident's practitioner is responsible for documenting written or electronic orders and progress notes on each resident's clinical record.