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Medications brought from home may be used if ordered by the attending physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner and, if prior to administration, is identified as the prescribed drug. Medications prescribed for one resident may not be administered to another. Residents may not keep medications on their person or in their room without a physician's, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner's order allowing self-administration. Written authorization by the resident's physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner shall be secured for the release of any medication to a resident upon discharge, transfer, or temporary leave from the facility. The release of medication shall be documented in the resident's record, indicating quantity, drug name, and strength. The facility shall maintain records that account for all medications and drugs from their receipt through administration, destruction, or return.