

11-13 Pharmaceutical Services

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The Nursing Care Facility shall provide appropriate methods and procedures for the dispensing and administering of drugs and biologicals. Whether drugs and biologicals are obtained from community pharmacists or stocked by the facility, the facility shall be responsible for providing such drugs and biologicals for its residents and for ensuring that pharmaceutical services are provided in accordance with acceptable professional principles and appropriate federal, state and local laws.(i)

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