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Title 22@ Social Security

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Division 5@ Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Clinics, and Referral Agencies

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Chapter 6@ Home Health Agencies

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Article 3@ Services

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Section 74701@ Orders for Medication and Treatment

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(a)

No medication or treatment shall be given except on signed order of a person lawfully authorized to give such order. Such order may be given by telephone and shall be signed by the patient's attending physician, dentist, podiatrist, or other licensed and legally authorized practitioner within his or her scope of practice within 30 working days.

(b)

All initial orders and subsequent changes in orders for the administration of drugs shall be signed by the physician, dentist, podiatrist, or other licensed and legally authorized practitioner within his or her scope of practice and incorporated in the patient's record maintained by the agency.

(c)

All other changes in orders shall be signed by the physician, dentist, podiatrist, or other licensed and legally authorized practitioner within his or her scope of practice. All telephone orders shall be received only by a licensed nurse or any other person lawfully authorized to receive such orders as appropriate to their specialty areas. Orders shall be recorded immediately in the patient's health record and shall be countersigned by the attending physician, dentist, podiatrist, or other licensed and legally authorized practitioner within his or her scope of practice.

(d)

Orders for therapy services shall include the specific procedures to be used and the frequency and duration. Orders may only be within that scope of practice allowed by the licensure of the particular discipline involved.

(e)

All orders shall be reviewed by the attending physician, dentist, podiatrist, or other licensed and legally authorized practitioner within his or her scope of practice at least every 62 days.

(f)

Medications and treatments shall be administered as prescribed and shall be recorded in patient's health record, as administered.