

# § 76389. Pharmaceutical Services - Requirements.

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(a) Pharmaceutical service shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Obtaining necessary drugs including the availability of 24-hour prescription service on a prompt and timely basis as follows:

(A) Drugs ordered "Stat" that are not available in the facility emergency drug supply shall be available and administered within one hour during normal pharmacy hours. For those hours during which the pharmacy is closed, drugs ordered "Stat" shall be available and administered within three hours. Drugs ordered "Stat" which are available in the emergency drug supply shall be administered immediately.

(B) Anti-infectives and drugs used to treat severe pain, nausea, agitation, diarrhea or other severe discomfort shall be available and administered within four hours.

(C) Except as indicated above, all new drug orders shall be available on the same day ordered unless the drug would not normally be started until the next day.

(D) Refill prescriptions shall be available when needed.

(2) Dispensing of drugs and biologicals.

(3) Monitoring the drug distribution system which includes ordering, dispensing and administration of medications.

(4) Provision of consultative and other services furnished by pharmacists which assist in the development, coordination, supervision and review of the pharmaceutical services within the facility.

(5) Upon admission of the client, a medication history of prescription and nonprescription drugs used shall be obtained where possible, preferably by the pharmacist, and this information shall be entered in the client's record.

Note: Authority cited: Section 208 (a), Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

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