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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 8.5@ Intermediate Care Facilities/Developmentally Disabled-Habilitative

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Article 3@ Services

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Section 76896@ Pharmaceutical Services - Orders for Drugs

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(a)

No drugs shall be administered except upon the order of a person lawfully authorized to prescribe.

(b)

All orders for drugs shall include the drug name, dosage, frequency of administration, the specific duration of therapy, and, the route of administration if other than oral. Orders for drugs to be administered PRN (as needed) shall also include the indication for use of the drug.

(c)

Written orders for drugs shall be dated and signed by the prescriber. Signature stamps shall not be used.

(d)

Verbal orders for drugs: (1) Shall be received only by registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, psychiatric technicians, pharmacists, physician's assistants (from their supervising physicians only) and other direct care staff as permitted by these regulations to administer medications. Verbal orders shall be signed by the prescribing practitioner within five (5) days. (2) Verbal orders received by non-licensed staff shall be confirmed by the registered nurse with the prescriber within 48 hours of receipt of the order. (3) Verbal orders shall be recorded immediately in the unit client record by the person receiving the order.

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(e)

Medications when first received shall have the contents and directions for use compared with the drug order before the medication is administered. This verification shall be done by the person(s) authorized to administer medications.