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Section 97510.31@ Order and Administration of Drugs

## **97510.31 Order and Administration of Drugs**

### **(a)**

Drugs shall only be administered by authorized licensed personnel and upon the order of a person lawfully authorized to prescribe. This shall not preclude the administration of aerosol drugs by respiratory care practitioners.

### **(b)**

The order for drugs shall include the name of the drug, the dosage and the frequency of administration, the route of administration, if other than oral, and the date, time and signature of the prescriber.

### **(c)**

Orders for drugs should be written by the prescriber. Verbal orders for drugs shall be given only to a registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, or pharmacist by a person lawfully authorized to prescribe and shall be recorded promptly in the patient's medical record, noting the name of the person giving the verbal order and the signature of the individual receiving the order. The prescriber shall countersign the order within 48 hours.

### **(d)**

Unless the ordered drug has been brought with or by the patient, orders for drugs shall be transmitted orally or in writing to a pharmacy by the prescriber, registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse or pharmacist.