

(k) Standard: Drug administration

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§483.460(k) The facility must have an organized system for drug administration that identifies each drug up to the point of administration.

§483.460(k) The system must assure that

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§483.460(k)(1) All drugs are administered in compliance with the physician's orders;

Guidance §483.460(k)(1)

Administration errors identified in previous medication administration records qualify as noncompliance with physician's orders.

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§483.460(k)(2) All drugs, including those that are self-administered, are administered without error;

Guidance §483.460(k)(2)

A medication error is an observed discrepancy during the medication pass between what is ordered and what is administered.

This also applies to self-administered medications.

For small facilities (16 beds or less), the medication administration pass will encompass a total of eight (8) drug doses. The observations should be split between two separate drug passes 4/4 (one in the morning and one in the late afternoon or early evening). The medications observed during the observations may or may not be for clients in the survey sample. Any concerns regarding a medication that is about to be administered should be brought to the attention of the person administering the medication. The record of observation should be reconciled with the most current signed physician's orders.

For large facilities (17 or more beds) with either single or multiple buildings, the medication administration pass will encompass a total of 12 doses. The observations should be split between two separate passes 6/6 (one in the morning and one in late afternoon or early evening). Any concerns regarding a medication that is about to be administered should be brought to the attention of the person administering the medication. The record of observation should be reconciled with the most current signed physician's orders.

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§483.460(k)(3) Unlicensed personnel are allowed to administer drugs only if State law permits;

Guidance §483.460(k)(3)

Unlicensed personnel administer only those forms of medication which state law permits. Licensed nurse(s) in the facility oversee any administration of medications by unlicensed persons and periodically evaluate their performance.

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§483.460(k)(4) Clients are taught to administer their own medications if the interdisciplinary team determines that self-administration of medications is an appropriate objective, and if the physician does not specify otherwise;

Guidance §483.460(k)(4)

The IDT decision that a self-administration program is appropriate, as is the case for all formal training objectives, must be based upon accurate, current, valid assessment of the client's skills and potential. The determination as to the appropriateness of a self-administration program must never be made singularly on the client's diagnosis or current functional abilities.

For clients assessed to be inappropriate for a self-administration program, but determined by the IDT to possess the capacity to functionally, cognitively, emotionally or developmentally benefit from participation in the drug administration process, it is expected that the facility will provide opportunities for the client to participate in the medication administration process under direct supervision. This participation can include but is not limited to, identifying the medication taken, reaching/grasping a cup of water during the process and placing oral medications in the mouth, etc.

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§483.460(k)(5) The client's physician is informed of the interdisciplinary team's decision that self-administration of medications is an objective for the client;

Guidance §483.460(k)(5)

While the IDT may set an objective of self administration of medication for a client, they are required to notify the client's physician of this proposed objective. If the client's physician objects on medical grounds, the team must not proceed with the objective until such time as a discussion is held with the physician and he/she agrees to proceed after receiving additional information.

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§483.460(k)(6) No client self-administers medication until he or she demonstrates the competency to do so;

Guidance §483.460(k)(6)

The written self-administration program for a client must detail the criteria that will be employed by the facility staff to verify that the client successfully completes all phases of the program and continues to comply with all necessary requirements for self administration. Clients who self-administer medications must secure all medications in such a manner as to protect access by other clients or visitors.

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§483.460(k)(7) Drugs used by clients while not under the direct care of the facility are packaged and labeled in accordance with State law;

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When clients go out of the facility for home visits, or to attend work or school, drugs they are taking must be packaged and labeled in accordance with state law by a person authorized by state law to package and label.

§483.460(k)(8) Drug administration errors and adverse drug reactions are

Guidance §483.460(k)(8)

Documentation of any medication error should be entered into the client's record and should include what error was made, who was notified of the error, the response of the medical person notified, the physical condition of the client at the time of the

notification and subsequent observations of the clients physical condition related to the error.

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§483.460(k)(8) recorded

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Documentation of adverse drug reactions must be entered into the client's record and should include all complaints made by the client or observations made by the staff following the drug administration, the notification of medical personnel, and the response of the medical personnel, any emergency actions that were required and all subsequent observations of the client's condition related to the reaction.

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§483.460(k)(8) and reported immediately to a physician.

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"Immediately" means at the time the error or reaction is identified.