

Medication Administration

Foster parents agree to be responsible for the following regarding medication

- (1) General Requirements:
 - a. Retain the manufacturer’s label with expiration dates visible on non-prescription drug containers not dispensed by a pharmacist;
 - b. Administer prescription drugs to a child only on the written order of a person authorized by law to prescribe drugs;
 - c. Allow prescription medications to be self-administered by children only when authorized in writing by the child’s licensed medical provider;
 - d. Allow non-prescription medications to be administered to a child taking prescription medications only when authorized by the child’s licensed medical provider; allow non- prescription medications to be administered to a child not taking prescription medication, with the authorization of the parents, guardian, legal custodian, or licensed medical provider;
 - e. Allow injections to be administered by unlicensed persons who have been trained by a registered nurse, pharmacist, or other person allowed by law to train unlicensed persons to administer injections;
 - f. Immediately record in a Medication Administration Record (MAR) provided by the supervising agency all drugs administered to each child. The MAR shall include the following: child’s name, strength, and quantity of drug; instructions for administering the drug; date and time the drug is administered, discontinued, or returned to the supervising agency or the person legally authorized to remove the child from foster care; name or initials of person administering or returning the drug; child requests for changes or clarifications concerning medications; and child’s refusal of any drug; and
 - g. Follow-up for child requests for changes or clarifications concerning medications with an appointment or consultation with a licensed medical provider.
- (2) Medication disposal:
 - a. Return prescription medications to the supervising agency or person legally authorized to remove the child from foster care; and
 - b. Return discontinued prescription medications to a pharmacy or the supervising agency for disposal, in accordance with 10A NCAC 70G.0510(c)
- (3) Medication storage:
 - a. Store prescription and over-the-counter medications in a locked cabinet in a clean, well-lighted, well-ventilated room other than bathrooms, kitchen, or utility room between 59 F (15 C) and 86 F (30 C);
 - b. Store medications in a refrigerator, if required, between 36 F (2 C) and 46 F (8 C). If the refrigerator is used for food items, medications shall be kept in a separate, locked compartment or container within the refrigerator; and
 - c. Store prescription medications separately for each child.
- (4) Psychotropic medication review:
 - a. Arrange for any child receiving psychotropic medications to have their drug regimen reviewed by the child’s licensed medical provider at least every six months;
 - b. Report the findings of the drug regimen review to the supervising agency; and
 - c. Document the drug review in the MAR along with any prescribed changes.
- (5) Medication errors:
 - a. Report drug administration errors or adverse drug reactions to a licensed medical provider or pharmacist; and
 - b. Document the drug administered and the drug reaction in the MAR.

I agree to follow the guidelines above _____
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