

Discharge Requirements Tip Sheet

Note: All Individuals beginning discharged into the community require a written order for each medication, treatment, assessment, measurement, protocol, or equipment.

Information needed for unlicensed laypersons to administer medications under a Medicaid Waiver system.

<p>Prescription Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A complete written prescription for each medication, and or oxygen therapy, signed by the physician. Must also include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Purpose of medication and expected therapeutic response. – Medication or food interactions, if any. – Stop date for medication, if applicable. – Specialty administration and/or storage instructions if any. – Parameters for 'holding' the dose. (Example: do not give if pulse is lower than...). • All over-the-counter (OTC) medications have the same requirements as prescription drugs.
<p>PRN Medication Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific instructions must be written to include all of the above and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Exact dosage to be given. – Clear parameters for administering. (Example: give if crying for more than 5 min.) – Expected therapeutic response. (Example: individual should have a BM within 1 hour) – Follow-up instructions, if therapeutic response is not achieved.
<p>Psychotropic Medication Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All psychotropic medications require a stated diagnosis and a rationale. • May require prescriber to complete an additional form to indicate reason medication is being prescribed.
<p>Care Requirements & Therapies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up requirements to the Primary Care Physician or required Specialist. • Written orders for all medications, treatments, and therapies for each specialist. • Written orders for Home Health nursing. • Written protocols for all care concerns, such as: measuring vital signs, positioning, aspiration prevention, respiratory therapy, dietary modifications, wound care, etc.
<p>Durable Medical Equipment Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All prescriptions should include a diagnosis and reason for equipment. • Physician may write a list of possible adaptive equipment needs, to be assessed by the Physical Therapist.