

MEDICATION

We strictly adhere to Pennsylvania law regarding Child medication and special diets. Pennsylvania law requires that we make reasonable accommodation in accordance with both federal and state laws to facilitate administration of medication or a special diet that is prescribed by a physician, physician's assistant, or Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) as treatment related to the child's special needs. Facility persons are not required to administer medication or special diets which are requested or required by the parent, a physician, a physician's assistant or a CRNP but are not treatment related to the child's special needs. When medication or special diets are administered, the following requirements apply:

- (1) A prescription or non-prescription medication may be accepted only in an original container. The medication must remain in the container in which it was received.
- (2) A staff person shall administer a prescription medication only if written instructions are provided from the individual who prescribed the medicine. Instructions for administration contained on a prescription label are acceptable.
- (3) The label of a medication container must identify the name of the medication and the name of the child for whom the medication is intended. Medication shall be administered to only the child whose name appears on the container.
- (4) Medication shall be stored in a locked area of the facility or in an area that is out of reach of children.
- (5) Medication shall be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's or health professional's instructions on the original label.
- (6) A parent shall provide written consent for administration.
- (7) We are required to establish and maintain a medication log if prescription or non-prescription medication is administered. The log will include:
 - (a) The name of the medication;
 - (b) The name of the child receiving the medication;
 - (c) A requirement for refrigeration;
 - (d) The amount of medication administered;
 - (e) The date of administration;
 - (f) The time of administration;
 - (g) The initials of the staff person who administered the medication;
 - (h) Special notes related to problems of administration.

- (8) If a special diet is prescribed for a child and if the diet is administered to a child, written instructions and the parent's written consent shall be retained in the child's file.

55 Pa. Code §3270.133, 55 PA ADC §3270.133