

1 10A NCAC 13F .1010 is amended with changes as published in 29:08 NCR, pp. 907-909 as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13F .1010 PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES**  
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5 (a) An adult care home shall allow the residents the right to choose a pharmacy provider as long as the pharmacy ~~will~~  
6 provides services that are in compliance with the facility's medication management policies and procedures.

7 (b) There shall be a current, written agreement with a licensed pharmacist or a prescribing practitioner for  
8 pharmaceutical care services according to Rule .1009 of this Section. The written agreement shall include a statement  
9 of the responsibility of each party.

10 (c) The facility shall assure the provision of pharmaceutical services to meet the needs of the residents including  
11 procedures that assure the accurate ordering, receiving and administering of all medications prescribed on a routine,  
12 emergency, or as needed basis.

13 (d) The facility shall assure the provision of medication for residents on temporary leave from the facility or involved  
14 in day activities out of the facility. ~~{ Medications prepared for a resident's temporary leave of absence shall be~~  
15 ~~packaged in a manner that facilitates safe administration and enables the resident or resident's responsible person to~~  
16 ~~identify the correct medication and correct administration time for each medication. The amount of medications~~  
17 ~~necessary to cover the duration of the resident's absence may be taken from the supply of medication already dispensed~~  
18 ~~to the resident and prepared by a medication aide, or licensed health professional with authority to administer or~~  
19 ~~dispense medications. The following information for each medication prepared for the resident's absence shall be~~  
20 ~~provided verbally and in writing to the resident or the person who is designated as the resident's responsible person~~  
21 ~~during the absence:~~

22 (1) ~~the name and strength of the drug;~~

23 (2) ~~the directions for administration as prescribed by the resident's physician; and~~

24 (3) ~~any cautionary information from the original prescription package.~~

25 ~~For medications removed from the resident's supply of medications, the name of the resident and the information~~  
26 ~~provided in Subparagraphs (1) and (2) shall be provided directly on the container containing the medication. The~~  
27 ~~facility shall maintain documentation of medications provided for the resident's leave of absence, including the~~  
28 ~~quantity released from the facility, the quantity returned to the facility, and the name of the individual who prepared~~  
29 ~~the medication for the resident's leave of absence. }~~

30 The facility shall have written policies and procedures for a resident's temporary leave of absence. The policies and  
31 procedures shall facilitate safe administration by assuring that upon receipt of the medication for a leave of absence  
32 the resident or resident's responsible person is able to identify the medication, dosage, and administration time for  
33 each medication provided for the temporary leave of absence. The policies and procedures shall include at least the  
34 following provisions:

35 (1) The amount of resident's medications provided shall be sufficient and necessary to cover the  
36 duration of the resident's absence. For the purposes of this Rule, sufficient and necessary means  
37 the provision of the amount of medication to be administered during the leave of absence or the

1 provision of only a current dose pack, card, or container if the current dose pack, card, or container  
2 has enough medication for the planned absence;

3 (2) Written and verbal instructions for each medication to be released for the resident's absence shall  
4 be provided to the resident or the person who is designated as the resident's responsible person  
5 during the absence and shall include at least:

6 (A) the name and strength of the medication;

7 (B) the directions for administration as prescribed by the resident's physician;

8 (C) any cautionary information from the original prescription package if the  
9 information is not on the container released for the leave of absence; and

10 (3) Labeling of the resident's medication container for the leave of absence shall be legible and include  
11 at least the name of the resident and the name and strength of the medication.

12 The facility shall maintain documentation of medications provided for the resident's leave of absence, including the  
13 quantity released from the facility and the quantity returned to the facility. The documentation of the quantities of  
14 medications released from and returned to the facility for a resident's leave of absence shall be verified by signature  
15 of the facility staff and resident or resident's responsible person upon the medications' release from and return to the  
16 facility.

17 (e) The facility shall assure that accurate records of the receipt, use and disposition of medications are maintained in  
18 the facility and readily available for review.

19 (f) A facility with 12 or more beds shall have a written agreement with a pharmacy provider for dispensing services.  
20 The written agreement shall include a statement of the responsibility of each party.

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23 *Eff. July 1, ~~2005~~, 2005;*  
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