

1 10A NCAC 13F .1006 is readopted with changes as published in 36:18 NCR 1487-1495 as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13F .1006 MEDICATION STORAGE**

4 (a) Medications that are self-administered and stored in the resident's room shall be stored in a safe and secure manner
5 as specified ~~in~~ by the adult care home's medication storage policy and procedures.

6 (b) All prescription and non-prescription medications stored by the facility, including those requiring refrigeration,
7 shall be maintained ~~in a safe manner~~ under locked security except when under the ~~immediate or~~ direct physical
8 supervision of staff in charge of medication administration.

9 (c) The medication storage area shall be ~~clean, well lighted, well ventilated,~~ routinely cleaned, include functional
10 lighting, ventilated to circulate fresh air, large enough to store medications in an orderly manner, and located in areas
11 other than the bathroom, kitchen or utility room. Medication carts shall be ~~clean~~ routinely cleaned and medications
12 shall be stored in an orderly manner.

13 (d) ~~Accessibility to locked~~ Locked storage areas for medications shall only be accessible by staff responsible for
14 medication ~~administration and administrator~~ administration, the administrator, or ~~person in charge,~~ the administrator-
15 in-charge.

16 (e) Medications intended for topical or external use, except for ophthalmic, ~~otic~~ otic, and transdermal medications
17 shall be stored in a designated area separate from the medications intended for oral and injectable use. Ophthalmic,
18 ~~otic~~ otic, and transdermal medications may be stored with medications intended for oral and injectable use.
19 Medications shall be stored apart from cleaning agents and hazardous chemicals.

20 (f) Medications requiring refrigeration shall be stored at 36 degrees F to 46 degrees F (2 degrees C to 8 degrees C).

21 (g) Medications shall not be stored in a refrigerator containing non-medications and non-medication related items,
22 except when stored in a separate container. The container shall be locked when storing medications unless the
23 refrigerator is locked or is located in a locked medication area.

24 (h) The facility may possess a stock of non-prescription medications or the following prescription legend medications
25 for general or common ~~use;~~ use in accordance with physicians' orders:

- 26 (1) irrigation solutions in single unit quantities exceeding 49 ml. and related diagnostic agents;
27 (2) diagnostic agents;
28 (3) vaccines; and
29 (4) water for injection and normal saline for injection.

30 ~~Note: A prescribing practitioner's order is required for the administration of any medication as stated in Rule .1004(a)~~
31 ~~of this Section.~~

32 (i) First aid supplies shall be immediately ~~available,~~ available to staff within the facility, stored out of sight of residents
33 and ~~visitors~~ visitors, and stored separately from [medications, and] in a secure and [an] orderly manner. medications.

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36 *Eff. July 1, 2005; 2005;*

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