

# Six Rights of Medication Administration

- A method used during medication administration to safeguard the residents; before administering the medication the Medication Aide must ask self six questions – ***Am I giving the medication to the right resident? Am I giving the right medication? Am I giving the right dose? Is this the right route? Is this the right time? Have I completed the right documentation?***
  - **Right RESIDENT** – identify resident to assure you are giving the medication to the resident who is supposed to receive the medication and using procedure required by the facility, such as photo on the MAR, asking a resident his/her name, etc.
  - **Right MEDICATION** – the name of the medication ordered by the physician; always use the three checks
  - **Right DOSE** – the amount of medication ordered
  - **Right ROUTE** – the method of medication administration
  - **Right TIME** – when the resident is ordered to receive the medication
  - **Right DOCUMENTATION** – the process of writing down that a medication was administered to the resident on the MAR **OR** if a medication was not administered and the reason it was omitted