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SCOPE: All George G. Glenner Alzheimer's Family Centers, Inc.®
PURPOSE: To ensure each Adult Day Program (ADP) and/or Adult Day Health Care Center (ADHC) has an established and active Medications Policy in place for the safety of all participants.
<p>POLICY: Only medications in the original licensed pharmacy container with a proper pharmacy label listing the participant's name, name of medication, dosage, frequency, method of administration of medication, prescribing physician's name, and date of the prescription, will be accepted at the center for administration and/or monitoring by the nurse (RN/LVN) on duty. Pharmacy containers with altered prescription labels will not be accepted at the center.</p> <p>The following applies to all medications administered and/or monitored at the center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A physician's order is required for any medication(s) administered and/or monitored at the center. Upon request, the nursing staff can assist in obtaining a copy of the order(s). ▪ The participant's family/primary caregiver/responsible party must directly supply the medication(s) to the center as described above, unless the medication(s) are being filled by a pharmacy already established to provide a direct supply to the center. ▪ If the family/primary caregiver/responsible party providing the medication supply to the center is concerned about not having a supply at home for the participant during an absence, the family/primary caregiver/responsible party may come to the center to pick-up a supply of the participant's medication(s). The nurse on duty will sign out the medication(s) to the appropriate individual.



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- Many times, an attending physician may wish to add or delete a dosage according to the participant's needs. If the prescribing physician has changed the frequency or dosage, the center will need an updated copy of the physician's order documenting this change prior to administration and/or monitoring of the medication(s).
- Many times, an attending physician may wish to add a PRN, or "as needed", medication to the Participant's existing medication regimen. PRNs are extremely important medication orders used for Alzheimer's/Dementia participants which assist the participant to obtain an optimal level of functioning with the least amount of interference with activities. All PRN medications administered or monitored at the center must have a physician's order and the order must include an indication for use.

Please note, for the safety of all participants we serve, participants are not allowed to have any medication(s) (over the counter or prescription) in their possession at the center. No medications are to be brought to the center in a Ziploc-type bag/pillbox/lunch bag, etc.

It is also the policy of the center to dispose of the participant's medication(s), according to regulations, 30-days after the participant's discharge from the center. Therefore, if the family/primary caregiver/responsible party wishes, the participant's medication(s) may be picked up from the center during this 30-day period.

PROCEDURE: As stated above.

REFERENCES: Medications Policy included with enrollment documents.