

**MEDICATION ASSISTANCE  
FOR  
ADULT FOSTER CARE RESIDENTS**

In accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 9555.6225, subpart 8, caregivers may administer medication to a resident who is not capable of self administering medication only if the license holder has the following:

1. A written statement from the resident's physician stating the name of the prescribed medication.
2. A written statement from the resident's physician stating whether the resident is capable of taking the medication without assistance.
3. Written permission from the resident or the resident's legal representative to administer the medication.

A resident who can not administer medication independently may receive their medication from a caregiver once the documentation above is obtained. A prescription label sufficiently constitutes written instructions from a physician.

Each resident who receives medication assistance must have a written record documenting:

1. Information on the prescription label.
2. Consequences if the medication is not taken as directed.
3. Adverse reactions to the medication that **MUST** be reported to the resident's physician.
4. Written instructions stating when to notify the resident's physician if a medication is not taken as prescribed.
5. Documentation showing when a medication is started, changed, or discontinued.
6. Documentation of any reports made to the resident's physician because the resident does not take medication as prescribed or there were any adverse medication reactions.

A caregiver must report to the resident's physician AND legal representative when a resident experiences an adverse medication reaction that as specified in the resident's written record. A caregiver must also report to the resident's physician AND legal representative when a resident refuses or fails to take medication as prescribed and specified in the resident's written record.

Anytime a caregiver must notify a resident's physician that a resident did not take a medication as prescribed AND the physician determines that the refusal or failure to take the medication as prescribed creates an immediate threat to the resident's health or safety or the health or safety of other residents or household members, the caregiver **MUST IMMEDIATELY** report this information to the local agency.

A caregiver must not give injectable medication unless:

- (1) the caregiver is a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse with a current Minnesota license, is authorized to do so in writing by the resident's physician, and is covered by professional liability insurance; or
- (2) there is an agreement signed by the caregiver, the resident's physician, the resident, and the resident's legal representative specifying what injections may be given, when, how, and that the physician shall retain responsibility for the caregiver's giving the injections. A copy of the agreement must be placed in the resident's personal record.

When an adult foster care home has schedule II controlled substances located in the residence, the substances must be stored in a locked storage area. The locked storage area may only allow access by residents and caregivers who are authorized to administer the medication that is locked. Minnesota Statutes, section 152.02, subdivision 3, defines which medications are classified as schedule II controlled substances.