

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Nursing Division - Administration

SUBJECT: Discharge Medication and Instruction

REFERENCE: Joint Commission Standard MM 4.10; MM 4.20; MM 4.30; MM 4.40; MM 4.60 Nurse Practice Act Guam P.L. 16-123

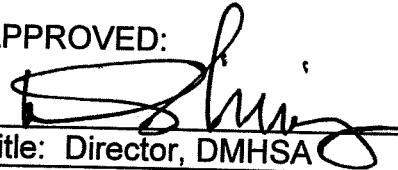
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Title: Director, DMHSA

POLICY:

To promote safety and accuracy in physicians order; handling medications; and dispensing of medications.

- The Pharmacy at DMHSA fill prescriptions for consumer being discharged from In-patient unit except in certain specific situations which will be evaluated on case to case basis. Referrals to neighboring pharmacies or authorized vendor pharmacies will be made available to the consumer.
- Nurses will not dispense medications for consumer's being discharged from the DMHSA. The In-patient unit nurse will return all of the consumer's in-house medications to the Pharmacy.
- A list of the medications to be taken after discharge from DMHSA shall be given to the consumer/family. The licensed nurse staff shall review the list of medications with the consumer/family along with discharge instruction form and will document in the consumer's medical record that the medication list was reviewed and given to the consumer/family.

PROCEDURE:

- Discharge prescriptions are sent to the DMHSA Pharmacy.
- Discharge prescriptions are to be picked up at the DMHSA Pharmacy by the consumer or consumer representative.
- The Pharmacist will review the discharge medications with the consumer or consumer representative.
- If the medication is not in DMHSA formulary a prescription is to be given to outside pharmacies.