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**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

Nursing Division - Administration

**SUBJECT: Medication Order and Specified  
Time Intervals**

**REFERENCE:** Joint Commission Standard  
MM.5.10; Nurse Practice Act Guam P.L. 16-123

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**Title:** Director, DMHSA

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**POLICY:**

- The licensed nurse will administer the STAT medications immediately or within 15 minutes.
- Medications ordered at specified time intervals shall be adjusted to standard hours as per “Medication Administration Times” policy as soon as possible, unless attending physician specified otherwise.

**PROCEDURE:**

The licensed nurse will carry out the physician’s order. Medication is obtained from floor stock and given as directed by the physicians order. Verification of the physician’s order verbally, by telephone or as written, will be carefully performed for safety.