

WAC 110-145-2970 Accepting, storing, and disposing of medication. (1) Licensees must:

(a) Develop and follow policies and procedures approved by the department on accepting, storing, and disposing of medication; and

(b) Arrange to have an RN or a licensed health care provider help develop and periodically review their policies and procedures in (a) of this subsection if licensed to care for 13 or more children and youth in a facility.

(2) The department may recommend licensees licensed for fewer than 13 children or youth consult with an RN or a licensed health care provider to help develop and periodically review their medication management and administration policies and procedures in subsection (1)(a) of this section.

(3) Licensees must complete the following when:

(a) **Accepting medication:**

(i) Keep medication for children and youth in care in a pharmacy-labeled container with:

(A) Their first and last name;

(B) The date the prescription medication was filled;

(C) The expiration date on the medication; and

(D) Legible instructions for administration of the medication, specifically the manufacturer's instructions or the prescription label; and

(ii) Consult and follow the recommendations of the following individuals if they have concerns about medication provided by the child's or youth's parents or guardians:

(A) The medication prescriber;

(B) A pharmacist; or

(C) A licensed health care provider;

(b) **Storing medication:**

(i) Follow manufacturer's specifications, including refrigerated medications;

(ii) Store human and animal medications separately and in locked containers; and

(iii) Store prescription and over-the-counter medications, except nasal spray naloxone, in a locked container in a manner that minimizes the risks for medication errors and unauthorized access;

(c) **Storing emergency medication:**

(i) Have a written plan for children and youth in care who have emergency medication, other than naloxone nasal spray, that is reflective of their developmental capabilities and outlines the following:

(A) How the medication will be easily accessible in an emergency;

(B) How the medication will be kept inaccessible to other children and youth in care; and

(C) The plan for taking medication off-site;

(ii) When naloxone is on-site in:

(A) A nasal spray form must be stored in a place where it is easily accessible in case of an emergency, except children or youth may keep their own naloxone nasal spray in their personal belongings; and

(B) An injectable form must be stored in a locked container; and

(d) **Disposing of medication:**

(i) Follow the Food and Drug Administration guidelines for proper disposal of medications that are no longer being taken or have expired; and

(ii) Document the following information when disposing of any prescription medication the:

- (A) Name of the:
- (I) Medication that was disposed;
- (II) Child or youth for whom the medication was prescribed;
- (III) Individual disposing of the medication; and
- (IV) Individual witnessing the disposal;
- (B) Date disposed; and
- (C) Amount disposed.

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