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9.44 SKILLED NURSING FACILITY AND INTERMEDIATE CARE BEDS MEDICATION PROFILE AND DRUG REGIMEN REVIEW	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

This procedure meets the California Code of Regulations Title 22 requirements that a pharmacist review the medication profile and drug regimen of patient-inmates admitted to licensed Skilled Nursing Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities at intervals required by regulatory standards and pursuant to acceptable practice standards.

II. PURPOSE

To meet regulatory requirements for medication profile and drug regimen review for patient-inmates admitted to licensed Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) and Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF) in conformance with practice standards.

III. PROCEDURE

A. The Pharmacist-in-Charge, (PIC) shall ensure that drug regimen reviews are completed at the appropriate interval for patient-inmates admitted to licensed ICF and SNF beds.

1. Licensed ICF Beds:

- a. A pharmacist shall review patient-inmates' active medication profiles at least monthly and shall evaluate patient-inmates' medication regimens for:
 - 1) Appropriateness of therapy (indication, route, frequency, dose and duration)
 - 2) Potential drug interactions
 - 3) Potential adverse drug reactions
 - 4) Contraindications
 - 5) Allergy
 - 6) Therapeutic duplication (polypharmacy)
- b. For medications requiring clinical monitoring of labs, renal function, hepatic function, plasma level, etc., the pharmacist shall review the patient-inmate's electronic Unit Health Record and applicable information.
- c. The pharmacist shall communicate any potential issues identified in the review to the prescriber in writing.
- d. The pharmacist shall make an entry in the progress notes indicating that the patient-inmate drug regimen has been reviewed, document any issues when identified and sign and date the entry.

2. Licensed SNF Beds:

- a. A pharmacist shall review the drug regimen of each patient-inmate at least monthly and prepare appropriate reports. The drug regimen review of each patient-inmate shall include all drugs currently ordered, information concerning the patient-inmate's condition relating to drug therapy, medication administration records, and where appropriate, physician's progress notes, nurse's notes, and laboratory test results. The pharmacists shall be responsible for reporting, in writing, irregularities in the dispensing and administration of drugs and other matters relating to the review of the

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drug regimen to the administrator and Chief Nurse Executive (CNE). A pharmacist shall evaluate the following:

- 1) Appropriateness of therapy (indication, route, frequency, dose and duration)
 - 2) Potential drug interactions
 - 3) Contraindications
 - 4) Therapeutic duplication and/or polypharmacy
 - 5) Unnecessary medications
 - 6) Documented allergy and adverse drug reactions
 - 7) Relevant lab results for abnormalities as required for drug monitoring
 - 8) Any other common parameters requiring adjustment in dose or regimen
- b. The pharmacist shall communicate to the prescriber any potential issues identified in writing.
- c. A copy of the findings shall be maintained in the pharmacy and provided to the CNE/Director of Nursing (DON) or designee (e.g. the supervising nurse in charge of licensed SNF).
- d. The pharmacist shall make an entry in the progress notes indicating that the patient-inmate drug regimen has been reviewed, document any issues when identified and sign and date the entry.

IV. REFERENCES

- California Code of Regulations Title 22, Sections 72375 and 73313