

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BUREAU OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING
Adult Training Facilities (55 Pa.Code Chapter 2380)

Q/A - Regulatory Clarifications – December 2014

The clarifications and interpretations below will remain on the Department's web site until the information is included in the next updated Regulatory Compliance Guide (RCG).

Regulation: § 2380.121(a) – Storage of Medications, § 2380.122(a) - Labeling of Medications, § 2380.127(b) - Administration of Prescription Medications and Injections

§ 2380.121(a) - Prescription and nonprescription medications shall be kept in their original containers, except for medications of individuals who self-administer medications and keep their medications in personal daily or weekly dispensing containers.

§ 2380.122(a) - The original container for prescription medications shall be labeled with a pharmaceutical label that includes the individual's name, the name of the medication, the date the prescription was issued, the prescribed dose and the name of the prescribing physician.

§ 2380.127(b) - Prescription medications and injections shall be administered according to the directions specified on the prescription.

Question: How should a facility process a new order for a medication that has already been prescribed (such as a change in dosage or frequency)?

ANSWER: The prescriber faxes the new order to the facility, the facility then updates the Medication Administration Record (MAR) and places a sticker on the medication container reading "New Orders – See MAR", leaving the original label still visible.