NORTHERN NEVADA ADULT MENTAL HEALTH (NNAMHS)
POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: MONITORING FIRST DOSE MEDICATION

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I. PURPOSE

To establish a procedure for monitoring the effects of the first dose of a medication prescribed that is new to the consumer, while the consumer is under the direct care of the hospital.

II. POLICY

NNAMHS shall monitor and document the consumer's response to the first dose of any prescribed medication that is new to the consumer. The documented response shall include the consumer's own report and description of any side effects or perceived efficacy. The consumer will be educated on each new medication.
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III. REFERENCES

1. The Joint Commission Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals, 2012, Medication Management Chapter.
2. NNAMHS Policy NN-MM-17 Adverse Drug Reactions.
3. NNAMHS Policy NN-PC-ED-02 Patient and Family Education.

IV. PROCEDURES

1. The first dose of each new medication shall be monitored and the response shall be documented.
2. The consumer shall receive education on each new medication.
3. The medication education shall be recorded in the progress note in the electronic medical record.
4. The nurse shall document in the progress note the consumer's response to the medication, including the consumer's perceptions within the shift, or no more than 12 hrs from the time the medication was first administered.
5. The physician shall evaluate the response and document the medication efficacy in the progress note within 72 hours.

   Any untoward reaction shall be reported as per Policy NN-MM-17, Adverse Drug Reactions.