NORTHERN NEVADA ADULT MENTAL HEALTH

POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE

SUBJECT: MEDICATION ORDER REVIEW

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APPROVAL: , Agency Director

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to ensure the safety of patients by establishing a procedure for review of medication orders in the absence of a Pharmacist.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of NNAMHS that all medication orders are reviewed by a Pharmacist for appropriateness before the medication is dispensed. In the absence of a Pharmacist, a qualified health care professional (as defined below) shall review the medication order before it is dispensed.

III. DEFINITIONS
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Qualified health care professional is a licensed physician other than the prescriber or an RN who has demonstrated competency in the review process as defined by the hospital.

IV. REFERENCES

Join Commission, Comprehensive Accreditation manual for Hospitals, 2004, Medication Management Standard 4.10

V. PROCEDURES

1. Medication orders shall be reviewed prior to dispensing, except in an emergency situation when resulting delay could harm the patient.

2. Medication orders are checked for appropriateness: Formulary approved, appropriate dose (not exceeding maximum), appropriate route, appropriate frequency, approved abbreviations, allergies to the prescribed medication, drug-drug interactions, drug availability, food-drug interactions, lab values and approved physician signature.

3. In the absence of the Pharmacist, the medication order shall be reviewed by the qualified RN.

4. The qualified RN shall document by writing " Rx review" , signature, date and time in the date column on the physician order form.

5. Medication orders filled at the contract Pharmacy, after regular business hours, are considered reviewed by the Pharmacist at the contract service.

6. Initial competency is established for the RN during orientation with the Pharmacy and includes: knowledge of the approved formulary, maximum doses, medication routes, frequency, approved abbreviations, verification of allergies, drug-drug interactions, food-drug interactions, lab values, consultations and therapeutic duplication.

7. Annual competency for qualified RN' s shall be required including review of new formulary additions/deletions and any Pharmacy procedure revisions.

8. The Pharmacist conducts a retrospective review of the order as soon as the Pharmacist is available or the pharmacy opens.

9. Any contraindication to dispensing the medication shall be discussed with the prescriber or OD and documented in the progress note of the medical record.