

Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

Date: July 22, 2013

Topic: Safe Medication Administration Campaign – Week 12 Activity

Provider: APD (Older Adults and Adults with Physical Disabilities)
 DD (Developmental Disabilities)

This week's Safe Medication Administration Campaign activity is provided for you below.

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12 Weeks to a Safer Medication System: **Week Twelve**



Be a REAL HERO Medication Errors Down to Zero

Documenting when a PRN medication is given is only part of the information that must be documented.

This weeks activity:

- Review your agencies policy on PRN documentation requirements.
- Document the time, the dose, the reason for giving the PRN medication and the results.
- After giving a PRN medication check on the resident to determine if the medication worked as expected before another dose is allowed. For example a PRN medication is ordered q6 hours for hip pain – check on the resident before the end of six hours to determine if the resident needs another dose.
- Discuss with your team:
 - ❖ The best way to communicate with on-coming staff if the results of the PRN medication must be evaluated during a time you are not scheduled to work.

For more information go to:

www.oregon.gov/dhs/licensing/Pages/safe-med-administration.aspx

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It Matters – Take Control of Medication Safety



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