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Title: Section 415.18 (g) - Pharmacy services, Emergency Medications

(g) Emergency medications. The facility shall ensure the provision of (an) emergency medication kit(s) as follows:

(1) The contents of each kit shall be approved by the medical director, pharmacist and director of nursing.

(2) Limited supplies of controlled substances for use in emergency situations may be stocked in sealed emergency medication kits.

(i) Each such kit may contain up to a 24 hour supply of a maximum of ten different controlled substances in unit dose packaging, three of which may be injectable drugs.

(ii) Controlled substances contained in emergency medication kits may be administered by authorized personnel pursuant to an order of an authorized practitioner to meet the immediate need of a resident. Personnel authorized to administer controlled substances shall include registered professional nurses, licensed practical nurses or other practitioners, licensed/registered under Title VIII of the Education Law and authorized to administer controlled substances.

(iii) The facility shall maintain all records of controlled substances furnished or transferred from the pharmacy and the disposition of all controlled substances in emergency kits, as required by article 33 of the Public Health Law and corresponding regulations.

(3) For medications other than controlled substances the medication contents of each kit shall be limited to injectables except that the kit may also include:

(i) sublingual nitroglycerin; and

(ii) up to five noninjectable, prepackaged medications, not to exceed a 24-hour supply. The total number of noninjectables may not exceed 25 medications for the entire facility;

(4) Each kit shall be kept and secured within or near the nurses' station.

End of section.