

**Title: Drug Regimen Review-Monthly****Policy #PHNY02**

**Policy:** In accordance with Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR 483.45, the Consultant Pharmacist shall review the medical record of each resident and perform a Drug Regimen Review at least once each calendar month. The Consultant Pharmacist shall identify, document and report possible medication irregularities for review and action by the attending Physician, where appropriate. The attending Physician or licensed designee shall respond to the Drug Regimen Review within 7-14 days or more promptly, whenever possible.

Any identified irregularities of an urgent nature shall be communicated to the Director of Nursing and/or Nursing Supervisor for immediate notification of the attending physician or licensed designee for action as soon as possible, but no later than midnight of the following day after the issue has been identified.

**Procedure:****Consultant Pharmacist:**

1. Shall perform Medication Regimen Reviews for each resident at least monthly. This review shall be performed by evaluating the medical record of each resident, which contains the current Medication Regimen as documented on the most recent Physician's Order Sheets or electronic record of current orders.
  - a. Upon completion, shall provide written documentation of all recommendations and submit monthly to the facility for attending Prescriber or designee's review and response. The written documentation and prescriber response shall be considered a permanent part of each resident's medical record.
  - b. Upon completion, shall document that monthly Drug Regimen Review has been completed and whether there were any recommendations on the electronic medical record of each resident. If no electronic medical record is in use, shall document on a signature page maintained on the paper chart for each resident.
  - c. Once each month, shall provide a summary report of all Drug Regimen Review findings for the Facility Medical Director, Director of Nursing, and Facility Administrator.
2. Any identified irregularities of an urgent nature shall be communicated to the Director of Nursing and/or Nursing Supervisor for immediate notification and action of the attending physician or licensed designee for action as soon as possible, but no later than midnight of the following day after the issue has been identified.

**Prescriber/Licensed Designee:**

1. Shall act upon the Drug Regimen Review findings/recommendations in a timely manner of 7-14 days or less.
  - a. Shall document on the drug regimen review form whether he/she agrees or disagrees with the recommendation, and provide a brief clinical rationale if no change is to be made.
2. Any irregularities of an urgent nature that have been communicated to the Director of Nursing and/or Nursing Supervisor by the consultant Pharmacist shall be acted upon by the attending physician or licensed designee as soon as possible, but no later than midnight of the following day after the issue has been identified.

**Facility:**

1. If maintained in a paper system, shall maintain copies of all Drug Regimen Review recommendations along with prescriber responses in an easily retrievable location for presentation to surveyors, upon request. Regardless of location, all Drug Regimen Review recommendations along with prescriber responses shall be considered a permanent part of each resident's medical record.

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