

Bellevue Elderly Care

Medication Disposal Policy

Medications will be disposed of as soon as practicable under the following circumstances:

- ✓ Resident death
- ✓ Medication expiration
- ✓ Medication dropped, unused, or refused
- ✓ Medication discontinued

Documentation and Witnessing

- All medications being disposed of must be counted, documented, witnessed, and signed for by one staff member and a witness (e.g., another caregiver, RN, resident representative, Hospice worker) on the medication disposal tracking form.
- The tracking form will be kept in the Medication Disposal binder. Old forms will be archived and available upon request.
- All resident information on packaging will be blacked out or removed before disposal.

Disposal

- All medication will be crushed put in water and put in a bag filled with kitty litter or crushed coffee beans and thrown in the trash.

Discharges

- In the case that a resident is moving to another home; the medication may be taken by the POA for the resident as long as there is a clear record of the transfer of the medication. A note will be made in the medication log of the resident stating that the POA has taken all the medication to be transferred with the resident. The POA shall sign and date.

Resident's name _____

Signature _____

POA/ resident signature

Date



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Medication disposal—Written policy—Required.

- (1) For the purposes of this section, "discontinued" means medication that is no longer prescribed or being used to treat a condition, as directed by the resident's physician or health care professional with prescriptive authority.
- (2) The adult family home must develop and implement a written policy addressing the safe disposal of resident medications that have been discontinued, have expired, or were refused by the resident. The policy must:
 - (a) Comply with all federal and state laws and regulations regarding medication disposal;
 - (b) Address the safe disposal of medications for current residents, deceased residents, and residents who have discharged from the facility; and
 - (i) For current residents the facility must safely dispose of discontinued medications, expired medications, and refused medications within 30 calendar days of discontinuation, expiration, or resident refusal;
 - (ii) For deceased residents the facility must safely dispose of all medications within 30 calendar days of the resident's death; and
 - (iii) For discharged residents the facility must:
 - (A) Assist with the transfer of the resident's medications to the resident's new setting, when needed;
 - (B) End fulfillment, delivery, and receipt of prescription medications within 10 calendar days; and
 - (C) Safely dispose of any medications left at the adult family home after 90 calendar days.
 - (c) Require that the safe disposal of the medication is recorded in a document that includes:
 - (i) Name of resident;
 - (ii) Name of medication;
 - (iii) Amount of medication;
 - (iv) Date of disposal or transfer; and
 - (v) Name of individual completing the task.