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9.19 MEDICATION BROUGHT INTO A CDCR FACILITY BY PATIENT-INMATES	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

Outside medications brought by or with a patient-inmate from a community hospital, clinic, physician’s office, or pharmacy are only intended for use to assure continuity of care until California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) medication can be provided. Outside medications may be used for the patient-inmate only after the medications have been examined and positively identified and verified upon admission to an outpatient or a licensed inpatient setting within CDCR by the patient-inmate’s physician or pharmacist and ordered and approved for use by a primary care provider (PCP) or psychiatrist if it is a psychotropic medication. All outside medications shall not be Keep-on-Person (KOP) unless specifically approved by a physician.

II. PURPOSE

To ensure that all medications administered to patient-inmates are correct and appropriate in an effort to provide continuity of health care.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Outside Medication Administration

1. If medication is temporarily unavailable from the CDCR pharmacy, then the medication accompanying the patient-inmate by a physician or pharmacist prior to patient-inmate’s continued use.
2. Outside medication must be processed as Direct Observed Therapy (DOT) or Nurse Administered (NA).
3. Administration of the outside medication will be recorded on a temporary or pharmacy prepared Medication Administration Record.

B. Outside Medication Orders

1. When a patient-inmate from an outside facility (e.g., community hospital, clinic, physician’s office,) arrives in the outpatient or licensed inpatient area of a CDCR facility with outside medication, the admitting physician shall assess the appropriateness of the medication, determine the availability of a Formulary alternative, if indicated, and write a medication order for the continuance of medication brought into the institution if the medication is not available from a CDCR pharmacy, if appropriate.
2. The admitting physician shall also determine if a non-Formulary request is indicated for the non-Formulary medication brought in with the patient-inmate. Refer to Chapter 8, CCHCS Drug Formulary.

C. Medication Verification – During Business Hours

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1. Nursing staff shall deliver medications brought into the facility from non-CDCR sources to the pharmacy for examination, verification or disposition along with a copy of CDCR Form 7221, the Physician's Order Form, if the medication is to be continued. Refer to Chapter 9, Prescription Requirements.
2. If the medication is ordered to be administered the pharmacist will verify the identity of the drug and document the verification in the Pharmacy Operating System (Guardian Rx).

D. Medication Verification – After Business Hours

1. If the medication is ordered to be administered after business hours, the admitting clinician shall inspect, positively identify the medication and the clinician will approve its use prior to releasing it to be administered to the patient-inmate.
2. The clinician shall document on the CDCR Form 7221 that he/she has positively identified the medication.
3. A copy of CDCR Form 7221 authorizing continuation of the medication and the clinician's confirmation of shall be provided to the pharmacy.
4. Approved outside medication shall be used only until the prescription can be filled by the institution pharmacy.

IV. REFERENCES

- Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 9, Chapter 8, CCHCS Drug Formulary
- Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 9, Chapter 9, Prescription Requirements