



Prescribed Medications in Residential Programs

- ✚ Programs are to purchase any prescribed over the counter medications or supplements under \$20 and seek reimbursement from the JPPO. If the item is over \$20 the program should get approval from the JPPO in advance. OYA can pay the pharmacy directly using a SPOTS card or reimburse the program.
- ✚ Youth age 15 or older can seek medical care (14 and older for mental health treatment) without parental consent or involvement. Youth may refuse to take their medication.
- ✚ All programs must have a medication management policy which complies with applicable licensing requirements <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=1965> and agency-specific BRS program rules. At minimum, the policy must describe:
 - **How and where medications are stored and dispensed; and**
 - **How the BRS provider must notify the caseworker if the BRS client refuses prescribed medications for more than 7 days or refuses a medication that has been identified by any LPHA as requiring an immediate report for health care reasons.**
- ✚ On the date of intake, the BRS client and client's parent, guardian or legal custodian shall be provided with the program's medication management policy.
- ✚ OYA is responsible for notifying a program of the youth's current medical information, medication regime, and other medical needs.
- ✚ Programs should assist youth in filling medications and taking them in accordance with the prescription as ordered by the physician. Only health care providers will modify these orders.
- ✚ If there is a concern about a medication (i.e. narcotic) then the provider should call the pertinent physician and discuss the concern. Staff should speak in general terms with the health care provider and explain what the program is about, and the physicians can take this into account. If programs prevent youth from following the course of treatment as ordered this is tantamount to withholding medical care.
- ✚ All program staff are required to receive training on medication administration within 30 days of employment.
- ✚ The program must ensure the Initial Service Plan includes existing orders for medication and any prescribed treatments for medical conditions, mental health conditions, or substance abuse.
- ✚ The program must ensure that the Assessment and Evaluation Report includes information about the youth's medical information including prescribed medications and dosages.
- ✚ The program must ensure that the Master Service Plan includes goals that are measurable and attainable within a specified time frame, and address at minimum the following domains where need is indicated by the youth's assessment and history medical information including medications and dosages.
- ✚ The program shall administer and monitor medications consistent with all applicable licensing rules and program's own medication management policy. The youth are not allowed to self-administer medications and must be stored in a manner preventing unauthorized access.
- ✚ Programs must maintain records to include the description of the medication, instructions for use, recommended dosage, dates and times medication is administered, a record of missed/refused dosages and who administered the medication.
- ✚ Programs must notify OYA within one working day of any new prescription for psychotropic medication.
- ✚ Before disclosing a youth's medication information to the youth's parent/guardian, staff must verify the youth has consented to the disclosure when:
 - The youth is 14 years of age or older and the medication is prescribed for treatment of a mental or emotional disorder or a chemical dependency; or
 - The youth is 15 years of age or older and the medication is prescribed for medical treatment.
- ✚ When a youth is gone overnight medication should be given to the adult responsible for picking up/transporting the client. When supported by the case plan, a youth transporting on their own can possess the medication solely needed for the time away from the program. The responsible adult should document having received the applicable medications upon arriving at their destination. Documentation of when the youth took the medication should continue while away from the program.