33-07-03.2-18. PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES.
The facility shall provide pharmaceutical services to meet resident needs.

1. The facility shall obtain the services of a licensed pharmacist who shall develop policies and procedures for the provision of pharmaceutical services within the facility consistent with chapter 61-03-02, state laws, and federal laws. These policies and procedures must be approved by medical staff or medical director and governing body and must include provisions for:

   a. The procurement, storage, dispensing, labeling, administration, and disposal of drugs and biologicals.

   b. Allowing the resident to be totally responsible for the resident's own medication based on request of the resident, assessment of the functional capability of the resident by facility nursing staff, documentation of the assessment and resultant recommendations, and specific approval and order of the licensed health care practitioner. The facility must provide a secure storage area for medications self-administered by the resident.

2. The pharmacist shall review each resident's medications monthly and report any discrepancies to the nurse executive or the resident's licensed health care practitioner.

3. All medications administered to a resident must be ordered in writing by a licensed health care practitioner. Telephone and verbal orders may be given to qualified licensed personnel and must be immediately reduced in writing, signed, and dated by the individual receiving the order, and countersigned or initialed by the licensed health care practitioner.

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