8.19. PHARMACY SERVICES.

8.19.a. A nursing home shall provide routine and emergency drugs and biologicals to its residents, or obtain them under an agreement described in Subsection 11.4 of this rule.

8.19.b. All drugs shall be provided in conformance with the requirements of federal, state and local laws, regulations and rules.

8.19.c. Procedures. A nursing home shall provide pharmaceutical services, including procedures that assure the accurate acquiring, receiving, dispensing, and administering of all drugs and biologicals, to meet the needs of each resident.

8.19.d. Service consultation. A nursing home shall employ or obtain the services of a licensed pharmacist who:

8.19.d.1. Provides consultation on all aspects of the provision of pharmacy services in the nursing home;

8.19.d.2. Establishes a system of records of receipt and disposition of all controlled drugs in sufficient detail to enable an accurate reconciliation; and

8.19.d.3. Determines that drug records are in order and that an account of all controlled drugs is maintained and periodically reconciled.

8.19.e. Drug regimen review.

8.19.e.1. The drug regimen of each resident shall be reviewed, by a licensed pharmacist, at least every thirty-seven (37) days.

8.19.e.2. The drug regimen review shall include substances that are regarded as herbal products or dietary supplements.

8.19.f. The nursing home shall conduct a drug regimen review on the premises.

8.19.g. The pharmacist shall report any irregularities in the drug regimen review to the attending physician and the director of nursing, who shall act upon these reports.

8.19.h. Labeling of drugs and biologicals.

8.19.h.1. Drugs and biologicals used in the nursing home shall be labeled in accordance with currently accepted professional principles, and include the appropriate accessory and cautionary instructions, with the expiration date when applicable.

8.19.i. Storage of drugs and biologicals.
8.19.i.1. In accordance with state and federal laws, the nursing home, shall store all drugs and biologicals in locked compartments under proper temperature controls and permit only authorized personnel to have access to the keys.

8.19.i.2. A nursing home shall provide separately locked, permanently affixed compartments for the storage of controlled drugs listed in Schedule II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, 42 U.S.C. 812, and other drugs subject to abuse, except when the nursing home uses single unit package drug distribution systems in which the quantity stored is minimal and a missing dose can be readily detected.

8.19.j. A nursing home shall establish policy to assure that residents' requests for prescription medications from sources other than the contracted pharmacy be honored.