

10A NCAC 13F .1003 MEDICATION LABELS

(a) Labeling of prescription legend medications, except for medications prepared for a resident's leave of absence in accordance with Rule .1010(d)(4) of this Section, shall be legible and include the following information:

- (1) the name of the resident for whom the medication is prescribed;
- (2) the most recent date of issuance;
- (3) the name of the prescriber;
- (4) the name and concentration of the medication, quantity dispensed, and prescription serial number;
- (5) unabbreviated directions for use stated;
- (6) a statement of generic equivalency shall be indicated if a brand other than the brand prescribed is dispensed;
- (7) the expiration date, unless dispensed in a single unit or unit dose package that already has an expiration date;
- (8) auxiliary information as required of the medication;
- (9) the name, address, and telephone number of the dispensing pharmacy; and
- (10) the name or initials of the dispensing pharmacist.

(b) For medication systems in which two or more prescribed solid oral dosage forms are packaged and dispensed together, labeling shall be in accordance with Paragraph (a) of this Rule and the label or package shall also have a physical description or identification of each medication contained in the package.

(c) The facility shall assure any changes in directions of a resident's medication by the prescriber are on the container at the refilling of the medication by the pharmacist or dispensing practitioner. The facility shall have a procedure for identifying direction changes until the container is correctly labeled in accordance with Paragraph (a) of this Rule. No person other than a licensed pharmacist or dispensing practitioner shall alter a prescription label.

(d) Non-prescription medications shall have the manufacturer's label with the expiration date visible, unless the container has been labeled by a licensed pharmacist or a dispensing practitioner in accordance with Paragraph (a) of this Rule. Non-prescription medications in the original manufacturer's container shall be labeled with at least the resident's name and the name shall not obstruct any of the information on the container. Facility staff may label or write the resident's name on the container.

(e) Medications, prescription and non-prescription, shall not be transferred from one container to another except when prepared for a resident's leave of absence or administration to a resident.

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