10A NCAC 13G .1005 SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS

(a) The facility shall permit residents who are competent and physically able to self-administer their medications if the following requirements are met:

- (1) the self-administration is ordered by a physician or other person legally authorized to prescribe medications in North Carolina and documented in the resident's record; and
- (2) specific instructions for administration of prescription medications are printed on the medication label.

(b) The facility shall notify the physician when:

- (1) there is a change in the resident's mental or physical ability to self-administer;
- (2) the resident is non-compliant with the physician's orders; or
- (3) the resident is non-compliant with the facility's medication policies and procedures.

A resident's right to refuse medications does not imply the inability of the resident to self-administer medications.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.5; 143B-165; Temporary Adoption Eff. December 1, 1999; Eff. July 1, 2000; Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022.