



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4723.67 Administration of medications by aides - delegation by nurse required.

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(A) In accordance with this section, a medication aide who holds a current, valid medication aide certificate issued under this chapter may administer prescription medications to the residents of nursing homes and residential care facilities, but only pursuant to the supervision of a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse acting at the direction of a registered nurse.

(B) In exercising the authority to administer prescription medications pursuant to nursing supervision, all of the following apply to a medication aide:

(1) Subject to division (B)(4) of this section, a medication aide may administer prescription medications by any of the following methods:

(a) Giving medications to be taken orally;

(b) Topical application;

(c) Application as drops to the eye, ear, or nose;

(d) Rectal insertion and vaginal insertion.

(2) A medication aide may administer medications prescribed with a designation authorizing or requiring administration on an as-needed basis, regardless of whether the supervising nurse is present at the home or facility.

(3) A medication aide may administer initial doses of prescription medications.

(4) A medication aide may administer medications containing a schedule II controlled substance, as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code, but only by the methods described in divisions



(B)(1)(a) and (b) of this section.

(C) All of the following limitations apply to the authority of a medication aide to administer prescription medication:

(1) A medication aide shall not administer prescription medications requiring dosage calculations.

(2) A medication aide shall not administer prescription medications by any of the following methods:

(a) Injection, except for insulin as provided in division (D) of this section;

(b) Intravenous therapy procedures;

(3) A medication aide shall not split pills for purposes of changing the dose being given.

(D) A medication aide may administer insulin to a resident by injection, but only if both of the following are satisfied:

(1) The medication aide satisfies training and competency requirements established by the aide's employer.

(2) The insulin is injected using an insulin pen device that contains a dosage indicator.