

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES OF NORTH IDAHO

MEDICATION POLICY

It is our policy not to administer medications unless legally authorized to do so. Our employees may assist the participant to take his own medication under the following conditions:

- The medication must be brought by the participant in a prepackaged container, which is appropriately labeled with the name of the medication, dosage and time and amount to be taken. Each medication must be packaged separately to avoid mistakes in identification unless packaged in Medisets or a similar system.
- Only licensed nurses or other professionals legally authorized medications may give participants injectable medications.
- Medications may not be given except under the verbal or written orders of a physician. Evidence of the verbal or written order must be maintained in the participant's record. Medisets labeled by a pharmacist and supplied to the participant on a weekly basis may serve as written evidence of a physician's order. An original prescription bottle labeled by a pharmacist describing the current physician's orders/instructions for use, may also serve as written evidence of a physician's orders.
- The agency is responsible for safeguarding of the participant's medications while he is at the center or in the community.
- Medications that are no longer used by participant will be returned to the pharmacist, the participant, or the person responsible for the participant.
- Medication prescribed for one participant may not be shared with other participants.