

Medication Holds

Highlights	Policy Statement
Restart Date or Time Storage of Held Medications Documentation Orders for Restart	Temporary medication holds may be ordered by the resident's Attending Physician. Policy Interpretation and Implementation 1. A hold order for a medication must be accompanied by a restart date or time. Hold orders without a restart date or time will be considered discontinued. 2. When medications are held, they must be stored in a separate location in the medication room or returned to the issuing pharmacy. 3. The nursing staff must document in the resident's medication administration record (MAR) that such medication(s) is being held. 4. The Attending Physician must provide an explicit order as to when to restart a medication that has been held, either at the time the order is given to hold the medication or subsequently. If the medication was discontinued, a new order must be given.
References	
OBRA Regulatory Reference Numbers	483.60(a)
Survey Tag Numbers	F425
Related Documents	Discarding and Destroying Medications
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