

Medication Administration Schedule

Policy Statement

Medications shall be administered according to established schedules.

Policy Interpretation and Implementation

1. Medications are administered according to the following routine schedule. They may be changed due to patient preference/sleep patterns/pharmacy recommendations:

Ordered Times	Administration Schedule
q8h (every eight hours)	6 a.m. / 2 p.m. / 10 p.m.
q6h (every six hours)	12 a.m. / 6 a.m. / 12 p.m. / 6 p.m.
q4h (every four hours)	6 a.m. / 10 a.m. / 2 p.m. / 6 p.m. / 10 p.m. / 2 a.m.
qid (four times daily)	8 a.m. / 12 p.m. / 4 p.m. / 8p.m.
tid (three times daily)	8 a.m. / 12 p.m. / 4 p.m.
bid (two times daily)	8 a.m. / 8 p.m.
ac (before meals)	7 a.m. / 11 a.m. / 5 p.m.
pc (after meals)	8 a.m. / 12 p.m. / 8 p.m.
Daily	8 a.m.
Every morning	8 a.m.
Insulin (daily)	7 a.m.
Insulin (twice daily)	7 a.m. / 5 p.m.

2. Routine medication administration schedules may be changed by only by submitting a request to the corporate office. Administration times can be changed to meet each facility's unique resident population and to maintain compliance with state and federal laws.
3. A physician's order for specific times supersedes any routine schedule.
4. Residents may request alternate medication schedules. Such times must be documented on the resident's medication administration record and care plan.
5. For homes that support a "liberalized" med pass, the following times may also be added:

Liberalized Med Pass	Morning	6 AM – 10:30AM				
Liberalized Med Pass	Lunch/Mid-day	11 AM -2 PM				
Liberalized Med Pass	Evening	2:30PM – 6:30 PM				
Liberalized Med Pass	Bedtime/HS	7 PM – 10 PM				
Liberalized Med Pass	Sunrise	4 AM-6AM				

References	
OBRA Regulatory Reference Numbers	483.25(m); 483.60(a)
Related Documents	Administering Medications Documentation of Medication Administration
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