

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Correction
Division Of Prisons

SECTION: Care and Treatment of Patient -
Medication Administration

POLICY # TX II-16

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SUBJECT: Inmate Release with Medications

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SUPERCEDES DATE: May 2002

References

Related ACA Standards

**4th Edition Standards for adult Correctional
Institutions 4-4378**

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines on issuing medications to inmates upon release.

POLICY

When a correctional facility releases an inmate receiving prescription medication, the unused portion of the filled prescription, up to a 30 day supply, will be given to the inmate in the original container. Policy defines the unused portion as all medicines remaining in the inmate's original container before discharge from the facility.

PROCEDURE

1. Facility administration will inform nursing as soon as possible when an inmate is scheduled for release.
2. During regular hours nurses will provide the medication to the inmates.
3. During times when the nurse is not available, the officer in charge will provide the unused portion of the medication to the inmate.
4. Inmates participating in the Self-Medication Program will also be released with these medications.
5. A DOP Pharmacy does not always dispense medications in child proof containers (i.e., unit dose or blister type packaging.) When an inmate is released with medications in non-child proof containers, a facility employee shall counsel the inmate regarding the responsibility to keep medication out of the reach of children.
6. The inmate shall read and sign the Safety Closure Container Release (DC-862).



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