



Medication Distribution



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Purpose: Medication Distribution Plan

Policy: Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Registered Nurses employed by the Three Rivers District Health Department may dispense nonscheduled legend drugs as listed and recommended in the Core Clinical Service Guide, and in accordance with KRS 212.275.

Procedure:

- I. **KRS 212.275** Distribution of nonscheduled legend drugs at health department by advanced registered nurse practitioner or registered nurse -- Written policy --Record of prescription drugs -- Responsibility for inventory -- Pharmacist --Dispensing medication or device prescribed for purpose of causing abortion.
- II. The governing board for each local, district, and independent health department shall have a written policy concerning the distribution of nonscheduled legend drugs at the health department by an advanced registered nurse practitioner or a registered nurse. In a health department, an advanced registered nurse practitioner or a registered nurse may distribute nonscheduled legend drugs from a list that has been prepared by the commissioner of the Department for Public Health. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit advanced registered nurse practitioners from dispensing nonscheduled drug samples under KRS 314.011. Each prescription drug distributed or dispensed at the health department shall be recorded in the patient record. The clinic nurse of each health department shall be responsible for keeping track of the inventory of stock medications and accounting for the medications dispensed or distributed.
- III. Only a health department board having within its membership a pharmacist holding a valid license issued pursuant to KRS 315.030 shall be authorized to permit advanced registered nurse practitioners or registered nurses to dispense nonscheduled legend drugs according to the written policy of the board. If a health department is unable to recruit a licensed pharmacist to serve on the board, the board shall document consultation with a pharmacist licensed pursuant to KRS 315.030 in the public health practice of the health department.
- IV. No health department shall dispense any medication or device prescribed for the purpose of causing an abortion as defined in KRS 311.720(1).

District Director

Date

Chairperson, Three Rivers District Board of Health

Date