

Value Based Purchasing

Management of oral medication is one of the Value Based purchasing questions. The information below will give you guidance for answering the question.

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Management of Oral Medications: Patient's current ability to prepare and take all oral medications reliably and safely, including administration of the correct dosage at the appropriate times/intervals. Excludes injectable and IV medications. (NOTE: This refers to ability, not compliance or willingness.)

0 - Able to independently take the correct oral medication(s) and proper dosage(s) at the correct times.

1 - Able to take medication(s) at the correct times if:

(a) Individual dosages are prepared in advance by another person; OR

(b) Another person develops a drug diary or chart.

2 - Able to take medication(s) at the correct times if given reminders by another person at the appropriate times

3 - Unable to take medication unless administered by another person.

NA - No oral medications prescribed.

Intent:

- **Pt's current ability to prepare and take all oral medications reliably and safely including administration of the correct dosage at the correct time.**

Consider the following:

- All medications prescription and over the counter
- Consider mental/Emotional status of the patient
- Cognitive function
- Activities permitted
- Environment-can they get to the location the meds are normally stored
- Patient has to be able to get the medication, read or identify medication, open the container select measure liquid (if applicable) and take the medication at the correct time
- PO meds = placed in mouth and swallowed
- Does not include inhalers or swish and expectorate
- Report what is true on day of assessment
- If ability varies from medication to medication consider the medication that takes the most assistance
- If they are missing a medication you are unable to assess & therefore they are unable to take it- they are a **3** for medication management
- If the pt is unable to get to the medication/water, safely, they are unable to take the medication, therefore, they are a **3** for medication management

- If prn medication is ordered and needed on day of assessment and patient needed reminders to take the medication score would be a **2** for medication management for that medication
- If patient lives in an Assisted Living Facility and the medications are kept in med room and the nurse administers-use clinical judgment to determine if the patient would be able to take correct oral medication & proper dosage at the correct time if this were not the policy of the ALF.

Bubble packs

- If the patient receives bubble packs and they can get to the meds and the water needed to take them at the correct times they are considered independent with medication management