PRAIRIE NORTH REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY	POLICIES & PROCEDURES **Number:** 15579 **Category:** Continuing Care/Home Care **Title:** Medication Reconciliation in Home Care - Admission
Approved by: VP of Integrated Health Services **Review Date:** | | | | | | **Initial:** | | | | | |	**Source:** Home Care Managers **Date Effective:** April 29, 2013

PURPOSE

To provide a standardized process for medication reconciliation in Home Care, by developing and implementing a structured process for accurate and complete transfer of medication information. Medication Reconciliation reduces the potential for medication discrepancies, preventing medication errors and patient harm.

POLICY STATEMENT

Medication Reconciliation will occur:

- On admission for Medication Management Services
- At 6 month intervals, ongoing
- Following 10 transfer/discharge reconciliation, if occurring before the 6 month period
- At the RN/LPN's discretion.

DEFINITIONS:

Medication Reconciliation: A formal process whereby the most-up-to-date medication history (Best Possible Medication History) is obtained and all discrepancies between sources of the client's medication history are resolved or **reconciled** using the Home Care Medication Reconciliation Physician Order Form (#PNRHA656 A – J). See Appendix A (form #PNHRA656 A – Lloydminster) as an example.

#PNRHA656 A – Lloydminster
#PNRHA656 B – Lashburn
#PNRHA656 C – Maidstone
#PNRHA656 D – Paradise Hill
#PNRHA656 E – St. Walburg
#PNRHA656 F – Turtleford
#PHRHA656 G – Loon Lake/Goodsoil
#PNHRA656 H – Meadow Lake
#PNRHA656 I – Cut Knife
#PNRHA656 J – North Battleford

Discrepancy: A difference noted between information sources related to the client's medication history. These differences are defined as:

0 No discrepancy
1 Med not currently prescribed
2 Dose different
3 Frequency different
4 Route different
5 Client no longer taking medication
6 Over the Counter (OTC) – dose & frequency required
7 New medication

Best Possible Medication History (BPMH): The most up-to-date list of medication the client is currently taking: prescribed and/or OTC/alternative products. It includes comparing all available information sources and identifying any discrepancies.

The form Home Care will be using will be referred to as Med Rec/BPMH.

Physician/RN(NP) Orders: Form will be referred to as prescriber's orders (See Appendix B).