



**PRAIRIE NORTH REGIONAL
HEALTH AUTHORITY**

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Number: 15580
Category: Continuing Care/Home Care
Title: Medication Reconciliation in Home Care – Referral or Transfer and Discharge

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PURPOSE

To provide a standardized process for medication reconciliation in Home Care during client referral, transfer or discharge. This includes generating and communicating an up-to-date, complete and accurate medication list, sharing and updating this list as the client encounters providers on their health care journey.

POLICY STATEMENT

For clients receiving medication management services, Home Care will provide the current medication list to other health care providers.

This will occur when Home Care is advised that the client has sought health services elsewhere.

DEFINITIONS:

Referral Definition: Episodic appointments to another health care provider who has the authority and responsibility to review, prescribe, change or discontinue medications.

Transfer Definition: A Home Care service interruption occurs when a client is transferred to another service (i.e. acute care, respite, OPD, emergency department) or is in the care of their family/other.

Discharge Definition: A Home Care client receiving medication management services is discharged to another provider (i.e. long term care, personal care home, or to the care of family or others).