

LOTUS RECOVERY HOUSE MEDICATION POLICY

Purpose: To provide safety for residents who are prescribed medication while residing at the Lotus Recovery House (LRH).

1. Policy Guidelines

- A. Residents will report all prescribed medication to Lotus Recovery House staff at point of admission and upon receiving any new prescribed or discontinued medications after admission. These medications will be logged on the Lotus Medication Form.
- B. All medications will then be reviewed by the LRH Director to determine if the resident can keep the medication in their own possession. All controlled substances and any medication that could be a risk to the resident's or other residents' relapse will be handled through a pill box and the LRH Director will determine the frequency of the pill box.
- C. If it is determined that the medications are a risk, the staff will complete a pill count with the resident present on all risky medications. Each medication will be logged onto the Lotus Medication Pill Count Form. The resident will be provided a weekly pill box and a lock box. Using latex gloves, the staff will observe the resident counting the beginning pills, the number of pills provided to the resident and the remaining pills. The information should be logged and initialed by the resident and the staff. The resident will be responsible to store their pill box in the provided lock box in their room. Staff will lock the remaining medication and the Medication Pill Count Log in the safety box or refrigerator in the staff office. The resident should be scheduled to refill the pill box prior to running out of medication in their possession and if new medication is obtained.
- D. Staff will conduct random counts of medications to confirm the accuracy of dosages taken.
- E. Medications are not to be left where they are in the open or unprotected.
- F. Individuals using injection medications need to dispose of needles in a biohazard container.
- G. Any abuse of medications will be considered a relapse and may result in termination of residency following policies and protocols.
- H. Medications are not to be shared with other residents. Residents may be asked to consult with their provider for alternatives to any medications that are considered medications of abuse.
- I. Staff will receive training on proper handling of substances and shall use universal precautions when handling the medications bottles. Staff should not directly handle the medication.
- J. If a resident is able to have no concerns with their pill counts and shows evidence of handling their pill box in a safe manner, the pill count can be discontinued at the discretion of the LRH Director. If concerns arise after doing so, then the resident will return to a weekly pill count requirement.

Approved By: 

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