# BAY-ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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# **Policy**

It is the policy of Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health (BABH) to be fully committed to carrying out its services in a manner consistent with its Mission, Vision, Values, and Strategic Plan, to include the safe use and administration of medications.

# **Purpose**

This policy and procedure is established to ensure appropriate standards and practices are enforced and maintained regarding the administration of medications.

# **Applicability**

All BABH Staff
Selected BABH Staff, as follows: Clinical Management, Ancillary Care (RN, LPN, Psych.,
etc.), and Primary Care (Case Mgmt., SC, OP, ES)
☐ All Contracted Providers: ☐ Policy Only ☐ Policy and Procedure
Selected Contracted Providers, as follows: Community Living Supports/Supported
Independent Housing Providers, Residential Providers, Contract Nursing Providers, and Day
Program Providers.
Policy Only Policy and Procedure
BABH's Affiliates: Policy Only Policy and Procedure
Other:

### **Definitions**

N/A

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## **Procedure**

To administer nose drops safely, effectively and efficiently, the following steps must be taken:

- 1. Check medication administration record/order to see <u>right time and right</u> medications to be given
- 2. Clean & disinfect work area, if appropriate
- 3. Wash or disinfect hands
- 4. Gather all necessary equipment (e.g., Kleenex)
- 5. Locate the *right medications* and perform the *first of the triple checks*

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(Quick review of what and/or how many medications are to be administered)

- 6. Perform <u>the second of the triple checks</u> which is the <u>in-depth review</u> of the 5 Rights (Right medication, dose, route, person, and time) by checking the medication label against the medication administration record and place first initial of first name on medication administration record
- 7. Perform a *safety check* of medications (breaks, cracks, chips, discoloration)
- 8. Lock medication storage area or keep supervised while medications are given
- 9. Identify that you have the right person (use 2 unique identifiers)
- 10. Explain reason for the medications or any procedure you are doing
- 11. Provide privacy, if appropriate
- 12. Check appearance of drops, if cloudy, shake 10 seconds
- 13. Apply disposable gloves as appropriate
- 14. Have person blow nose gently
- 15. Have the person tip their head back while either sitting or lying flat
- 16. Avoid touching the tip of the medication bottle against the nose or anything else
- 17. Administer correct amount of drop(s) into correct nostril
- 18. Encourage person to remain with head tilted back for 3-5 minutes
- 19. Provide tissue for nasal drainage
- 20. Clean off, replace cap and secure it
- 21. Remove gloves and wash or disinfect hands after procedure
- 22. Perform *third check of the triple checks* (review medication administered) and place first initial of last name on medication administration record
- 22. Observe, report and record response from person or anything unusual regarding medications just administered

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# **Attachments**

N/A

# **Related Forms**

N/A

# **Related Materials**

N/A

# **References/Legal Authority**

Joint Commission

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