

# LOS ANGELES GENERA MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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**PURPOSE**

To mandate that patient have at least a month supply of maintenance medication and not to exceed 108-day supply.

**POLICY**

Pharmacy staff will evaluate prescriptions to provide sufficient medication to meet the intended treatment.

**PROCEDURE**

Package sizes will be evaluated to dispense unit of use whenever possible without adjusting refills. Examples:

1. Insulins – For all prescription the minimum dispensing quantity will be enough to provide a month supply. Pharmacist will automatically adjust quantity to be dispensed. This will include all formulary insulins
2. Diabetic Supplies - syringes, needles, test strips and lancets. The goal is to match the supplies to the same schedule and ensuring patients have access to supplies.
3. Dosing Tapers – The pharmacy shall follow the titration defined on the prescription to ensure that the patient has sufficient medication to complete the defined taper or a month’s supply.
4. Dose Escalation - The pharmacy shall follow the dose escalation defined on the prescription to ensure that the patient has sufficient medication to complete the defined escalation or a month’s supply.
5. Unit of use – Aspirin 81mg chewable comes in package of #36. To streamline processes packages of #36 will be used instead of counting out #30.
6. Unit of use – Will also be used when filling a cream or lotion, the closest package size that is available will be utilized.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

Outpatient Pharmacy

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