

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL
PHARMACY SERVICES**

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SECTION: **INPATIENT PHARMACY SERVICES**

SUBJECT: **HERBAL PRODUCTS/ SUPPLEMENTS/CANNABIS PRODUCTS**

POLICY

All herbal “remedies/therapies”/nutritional supplements/cannabis products brought into the Facility by patients are to be returned to their families/care givers upon patient's admission to the Facility. Only herbal products, nutraceuticals, or supplements approved by the DHS Core P&T Committee may be purchased by Pharmacy Procurement for patient use.

PROCEDURES

1. All herbal “remedies/therapies”/nutritional supplements/cannabis products brought into the Facility by the patient will be returned to the patient's family/care giver when at all possible.
2. At admission the physician/physician assistant via interviewing the patient/family member/care giver is to list in the patient’s history a complete record of any herbal product/nutritional supplement/cannabis product the patient is currently taking.
3. All herbal “remedies/therapies”/nutritional supplements/cannabis products will not be stored in the nursing unit.
4. Upon receipt of the herbal products/nutritional supplements/cannabis products the nurse will place the products for the patient in a sealed tamper proof bag and label the bag with the:
 - a. Patients name
 - b. Rancho number
 - c. Time and date of receipt of medications
 - d. Patient Care Unit
5. Cannabis products will be sent to the pharmacy for proper storage (See P&P 3.15.0). The Cannabis products will be stored for up to 14 days post discharge and then destroyed.
6. If the patient does not have family to send the products home, the night shift nurse will send the herbal “remedies/therapies”/nutritional supplements/cannabis product to the pharmacy for proper storage (See P&P 3.15.0). The herbal product(s)/nutritional supplements will be stored for up to 14 days post discharge and then destroyed.
7. Personal herbal product(s)/nutritional supplements/cannabis products may **not** be used by the patient while in the Facility, in that it is too difficult for Pharmacy personnel to validate the product’s authenticity as well as its contents.
8. Only herbals, nutraceuticals, or supplements that have been approved by the DHS Core P&T Committee will be purchased by Pharmacy Procurement for patient use.

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