



High Desert Health System POLICY AND PROCEDURE

POLICY NUMBER: 524
VERSION: 1

SUBJECT: 2007 ANTELOPE VALLEY HEALTH CENTER PRENATAL AND FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS – PRESCRIPTION DISPENSING

PURPOSE: To provide policy and procedures for the dispensing of prescription medications in the Antelope Valley Health Center (AVHC) Prenatal and Family Planning Clinics.

POLICY: Physicians and Nurse Practitioners with furnishing numbers can prescribe medications to patients. Registered Nurses may assist the prescribing provider by giving the prescription to the patient after the prescription has been properly labeled by the prescribing provider.

POLICY GUIDELINES:

All medications can be prescribed by a physician or nurse practitioner only. The prescription will include the following information:

- a. Clinic name, address, and telephone number, pre-printed.
- b. Drug name, route, quantity, strength, instructions for use.
- c. Patient's name and medical record number.
- d. Signature of prescribing Physician or Nurse Practitioner.

REFERENCES:

Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs (OPA)

Program Requirements Title X

California Family Health Council (CFHC)

California State Office of Family Planning (OFP)

California Department of Public Health Office of Family Planning (FPACT)

Patient Education and Counseling Protocol, Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor –UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, California

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