



High Desert Health System POLICY AND PROCEDURE

POLICY NUMBER: 401
VERSION: 1

SUBJECT: EXEMPT DRUG LIST

PURPOSE: To provide a mechanism to provide medications free of charge to a patient when the patient does not have sufficient resources to purchase the required medication and has no approved Medi-Cal, insurance or other third party payer source.

POLICY: The High Desert Health System (HDHS) Pharmacy will issue those medications on Department of Health Services (DHS) Core Formulary Drug list (non-restricted) when the patient does not have sufficient resources to purchase the required medication and has no approved Medi-Cal, insurance, or other third party payor source. These medications will be issued with the approval of the HDHS Medical Director, Chief Executive Officer, and Assistant Hospital Administrator III. If these individuals are not available, approval may be provided by an Assistant Hospital Administrator II.

The HDHS Medical Director and Chief Executive Officer have the authority to override this policy.

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