**Adult Family Home (AFH) Information Sheet**

Medication Assistance

**Review** [**Chapter 388-76 WAC**](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true) **for current licensing requirements**

**Do I need to keep medication information if the resident independently self-administers their medication?** See WAC [388-76-10320](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10320).

* Yes, you need to have an accurate listing of the medications the resident is taking.

**What information do I need to keep when I am helping residents with their medication?**

* You must have a medication procedure/system to make sure that residents will receive the medications as they are ordered by the doctor - See WAC [388-76-10430](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10430).
* You must make sure the medication procedure/system you have meets all the laws and rules about medication assistance and medication administration.
* You must maintain a medication log – See WAC [388-76-10475](See%20WAC%20388-76-10475.).

**What information do I need before I can assist residents with their medication?**

* You must have a resident assessment that tells you the amount of medication assistance needed by the resident – See WAC [388-76-10335](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10335).
* You must have a resident negotiated care plan that tells you the amount of medication assistance you will provide to the resident – See WAC [388-76-10355](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10355).
* If the resident needs help taking medications, carefully review Medication regulations in WAC 388-76.

**What if a resident refuses to take their medication?** See WAC [388-76-10435](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10435).

* You must notify the resident’s doctor or nurse; unless
* The provider, co-provider, entity representative, resident manager or caregiver is a nurse or other health professional that is able to make a judgment about the impact of the resident’s refusal.

**What records must I keep for each resident?** See WAC [388-76-10430](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10430) and WAC [388-76-10475](file:///\\dshsapoly2411c\DATA1\RCS%20Policy%20Unit\Staff%20Folders\Libby\Information%20sheet%20updates\See%20WAC%20388-76-10475.).

* You must keep records for each resident that includes a current list of prescribed and over-the-counter medications; and
* A current and up-to-date medication log that tells how medication was provided to the resident.

**For further information about medication requirements:** See WAC [388-76-10430](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10430) through WAC 388-76-10490

**For information about nurse delegation**

See WAC [246-840-910](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-840&full=true#246-840-910) through WAC 246-840-970

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