

IA3: INFUSION THERAPY PRODUCTS PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

Policy

Regular and reliable infusion therapy pharmaceutical service is available to provide residents with infusion therapy products, and for consultation on the use of such products. Infusion therapy products include solutions with no additives, solutions with additives, and supplies and equipment for administering solutions and for preparation of emergency or unstable solutions. A written agreement with an infusion therapy products provider or MAC Rx stipulates financial arrangements and the terms of the services provided.

Procedures

- A. The facility maintains a written agreement with the infusion therapy provider pharmacy, signed by the administrator and an authorized representative of the infusion therapy provider pharmacy if other than MAC Rx.
- B. The infusion therapy products provider maintains a current pharmacy permit/license and adequate professional liability insurance, and provides proof of it to the facility upon each renewal.
- C. The infusion therapy products provider or MAC Rx is responsible for rendering the required service in accordance with local, state, and federal laws and regulations; facility policies and procedures; community standards of practice; and professional standards of practice.
- D. The infusion therapy products provider or MAC Rx agrees to perform the following pharmaceutical services, including but not limited to:
 - 1) Assisting the facility, as necessary, in determining the appropriate equipment and packaging to meet the infusion therapy needs of the residents and the facility.
 - 2) Accurately dispensing infusion therapy products based on authorized prescriber orders.
 - 3) Providing medications packaged and labeled in accordance with the facility's needs and equipment requirements.
 - 4) Supplying only USP-NF approved medications, biologicals, and supplies, other than extemporaneously compounded medications or investigational drugs.
 - 5) Labeling all medications dispensed in accordance with the policy on medication labeling and with state and federal requirements.
 - 6) Maintaining a medication profile and infusion care plan for each resident for whom infusion therapy products are provided that includes all medications dispensed and facility-provided information such as resident's age, diagnoses, weight, condition, medication allergies, diet, type of IV access/catheter, and any other pertinent information.

- 7) Reviewing the medication profile and care plan prior to dispensing any infusion therapy product.
 - 8) Screening each new infusion order for an appropriate indication or diagnosis; for drug interactions with other medications ordered for the resident; for duplication of therapy with other drugs in the same therapeutic class ordered for the resident; appropriate monitoring; and for appropriate drug dose, dosing interval, and route of administration, infusion rate, based on resident and other pertinent variables. If diagnosis/indication, pertinent resident information, or lab data are not available, the infusion products provider notifies the nursing staff of the need to obtain the information from the prescriber prior to administering the drug.
 - 9) Providing information and consultation to the facility's nursing staff on infusion therapy products, supplies, and equipment.
 - 10) Providing, maintaining, and replenishing an emergency infusion therapy products supply in a timely manner.
 - 11) Assisting the prescriber in documenting the medical necessity for a "non-covered" or non-formulary medication ordered for a resident otherwise eligible for medication benefits through Medicare, Medicaid or other third-party programs, or providing therapeutic alternatives that are "covered."
- E. The infusion therapy provider or MAC Rx furnishes the infusion therapy products on a timely basis.
 - F. Infusion therapy is delivered in containers that assure medications are maintained at the proper temperature during transportation.
 - G. Only qualified pharmacy personnel prepare infusion therapy products in a laminar flow clean air center or equivalent (USP 797 standards).
 - H. Stringent infection control procedures are followed during preparation and distribution of infusion therapy products, and the provider has a quality assurance program for determining sterility of completed solutions. Results from the provider quality assurance program are made available to the facility as requested.
 - I. The infusion therapy product provider or MAC Rx contacts the facility to obtain updates on resident infusion therapy product needs before delivery to the facility.
 - J. MAC Rx or infusion therapy product provider maintains an infusion care plan for each resident admitted to infusion services. If the infusion therapy product provider is not the same pharmacy provider which supplies the balance of the resident's medications, the facility must coordinate care plans between both medication providers.
 - K. If medication orders are written with instructions " Pharmacist to dose," the infusion therapy product provider or MAC Rx must obtain an order from the prescriber and notify the facility of any changes as soon as new orders are obtained.

- L. A pharmacist knowledgeable about infusion therapy is available 24 hours a day to the charge nurse and attending physician for consultation on infusion therapy product compatibility, dosing, and other information.
- M. Midline and PICC line insertions available through the provider pharmacy Monday through Friday during business hours. Access worksheet to be completed during the insertion discussion between the nursing staff and pharmacist.