



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 4723.671

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This section establishes standards and conditions under which a medication aide who holds a current, valid medication aide certificate issued under this chapter is authorized to administer prescription medications to residents of a residential care facility.

(A) A medication aide may administer prescription medications, but only pursuant to the delegation of a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse acting at the direction of a registered nurse.

(B) In delegating medication administration to a medication aide, all of the following apply:

(1) The delegation shall be carried out in accordance with the rules for nursing delegation adopted under this chapter by the board of nursing.

(2) A nurse who has delegated to a medication aide responsibility for the administration of prescription medications shall not withdraw the delegation on an arbitrary basis or for any purpose other than patient safety.

(3) A nurse may delegate to a medication aide responsibility for the administration of initial doses of prescription medications.

(4) A nurse may delegate to a medication aide responsibility for the administration of prescription medications with designations authorizing or requiring administration on an as-needed basis, but the delegation shall occur only after the nurse has completed a nursing assessment of the patient.

(C) In exercising the authority to administer prescription medications pursuant to nursing delegation, all of the following apply:

(1) A medication aide may administer prescription medications in any of the following categories:



- (a) Oral medications;
  - (b) Topical medications;
  - (c) Medications administered as drops to the eye, ear, or nose;
  - (d) Rectal and vaginal medications.
- (2) In the case of a medication prescribed with a designation authorizing or requiring administration on an as-needed basis, a medication aide may administer the medication regardless of whether the delegating nurse is present at the facility.
- (3) A medication aide shall not administer prescription medications in either of the following categories:
- (a) Except as provided in division (C)(5) of this section, medications containing a schedule II controlled substance, as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code;
  - (b) Medications requiring dosage calculations.
- (4) A medication aide shall not administer prescription medications by any of the following methods:
- (a) Except as provided in division (C)(6) of this section, injection;
  - (b) Intravenous therapy procedures;
  - (c) Splitting pills for purposes of changing the dose being given.
- (5) A medication aide may administer oral or topical medications containing a schedule II controlled substance.
- (6) A medication aide who satisfies training and competency requirements specified in rules adopted by the board may administer insulin to residents by injection, but only if the medication is injected



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using an insulin pen device that contains a dosage indicator.