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To: MAS/MATT Nurses, Providers

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NDP Coordinator

RE: OTC/PRN Medications

A MAS RN or MAS LPN may place a prescribed, factory labeled, factory sealed, single dose OR multi dose bottle of over the counter, as needed (PRN) medication in a plastic bag with a closure. Internal and external medications MUST be stored in separate bags. **EACH** person must have their **OWN** individual bag of Over-the-counter medication/s.

The bag, with the closure shall be labeled with the person's name, facility, date the OTC was placed in the bag by the **MAS Nurse**. The Agency is responsible for having a Policy and Procedure that addresses OTC/PRN medication, specifically monitoring expirations and refills.

Each person may have their own multidose bottle of PRN, PRN Medications. Medicaid changes related to coverage of multidose bottles has changed, and now OTC and PRN multidose bottles may be purchased for each person. The medication name and dosage on the bottle must read the same as the prescriber's standing orders. (Example: Physician orders Tylenol for fever. The Agency can only purchase Tylenol brand instead of a generic acetaminophen, and it can ONLY be given for fever, NOT pain). MAC Workers are trained to compare the label on the bottle to the order on the MAR.

BULK OR STOCK MEDICATION OF ANY KIND CAN NOT BE SHARED AMONG PEOPLE SERVED IN ADMH CERTIFIED PROGRAMS. EACH PERSON MUST HAVE THEIR OWN MEDICATIONS.

Thanks
Beverly Jackson