

657—15.8(124,126,155A) Drug distribution and dispensing controls. Prescription drugs may be distributed or dispensed only from the original or a properly verified medication prescription order. There shall be no transcribing of medication orders by nursing or clerical staffs except for their own records.

15.8(1) Required information. Medication prescription orders written in inmate health records shall include the following information:

- a. Inmate name, identification number, and location;
- b. Drug name, strength, dosage form, and quantity or duration;
- c. Directions for use;
- d. Date of issue;
- e. Prescriber's name or signature and office address if different from that of the correctional facility or if not on file in the correctional facility pharmacy;
- f. Prescriber's DEA number for controlled substances if not on file in the correctional facility pharmacy.

15.8(2) Original maintained. The original medication prescription order and the medication administration record shall be maintained for a minimum of two years in the inmate's health record.

15.8(3) Effect upon transfer of inmate. Current medication prescription orders remain in effect when an inmate is transferred within the correctional institution system.

15.8(4) Unit dose dispensing. Drugs dispensed in a unit dose dispensing system for subsequent administration by nurses or other qualified individuals shall be packaged and labeled in compliance with the provisions of rule 657—22.1(155A).

15.8(5) Drug administration. Registered nurses may issue an inmate's prepackaged drugs from the supply distributed by the pharmacist for that inmate into envelopes or other appropriate containers to facilitate subsequent administration by qualified individuals. Said qualified individuals shall use the medication administration record, or a properly verified copy thereof, to administer and document administration of those drugs to the inmate. The single unit or unit dose packaging shall remain intact to the point of administration.

15.8(6) Dispensing for inmate self-administration. Drugs dispensed for self-administration by an inmate, either during the inmate's incarceration or subsequent to the inmate's departure from department custody status, shall be packaged and labeled in accordance with rule 657—6.10(155A).

15.8(7) Drug product selection. Correctional facility pharmacies shall be exempt from the patient notification requirements of Iowa Code section 155A.32 when exercising drug product selection.

15.8(8) Provisional stock. Provisional stock of prescription drugs may be supplied for use by authorized personnel pursuant to 657—22.7(124,155A). A record shall be made of all withdrawals from provisional stock. The original or properly verified copy of the emergency medication prescription order shall be left with the withdrawal record. The withdrawal record shall include the following information:

- a. Inmate's name and identification number;
- b. Prescriber;
- c. Name, strength, dosage form, and quantity of the drug withdrawn;
- d. Signature, unique identification, or initials of the authorized person making the withdrawal;
- e. Date and time of administration;
- f. Quantity administered, if different from the quantity withdrawn;
- g. Signature, unique identification, or initials of the authorized person administering the drug;
- h. Returns to the pharmacy, including quantity returned;
- i. Waste, which shall be witnessed and cosigned by another licensed health care professional.