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Essential Medication Information Standards

Appendix C

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Revision History

NOTE: *The revision history cycle begins once changes or enhancements are requested and approved by the National Alliance for Patient Medication Information Management Standards (NAPMIS) .*

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Appendix C: Medication Information Display Standards

Introduction

This Appendix is intended to be updated between concurrence cycles and reflects display standards for essential medication information displayed to patients and their healthcare teams across print, Web, mobile, and point of service applications (i.e., Kiosk) tools.
Refer to:
http://vaww.infoshare.va.gov/sites/MedRecon/Essential%20Medication%20Information%20Standards%20Directi/Forms/AllItems.aspx
for the most current version of the appendices.

A. **The essential medication information to be displayed** to Veterans, caregivers and their healthcare teams

i. **Derived from authoritative sources as outlined in Appendix B and adheres to the Patient Medication Display guide and must be included in all applications:**

(1) that assist in transitions or episodes of care where medication reconciliation and/or medication information management occurs.

(2) where medication lists are displayed for the purpose of review of medications and /or reconciliation.

(3) that display and inquire about patient medication usage for the purpose of patient medication information management.

(4) where medication lists are displayed to assist in coordination and communication of medication information.

(5) where medication lists are displayed for the purpose of medication administration

ii. **Where medications images are displayed, here is the following informational note that should also be included:**
   a. "The image displayed is for identification purposes only and does not mean that is the dose to be taken. If the medication image shown does not match what you are taking, please contact your VA Pharmacy".
   b. If image is not available, indicate "image not available"

iii. **Display Standards**
   a. See *Pharmacy Terms Glossary Pattern*