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POLICY:

In the community health setting all containers, in which medications are dispensed, shall be labeled in a standardized manner according to the applicable Health and Social Services' policies, legislations and regulations, and standards of practice.

Labels must include the following information:

- > Manufacturer's pharmaceutical agent name
- > Strength
- FrequencyRouteDuration

- Amount dispensedClient's name
- > Date dispensed
- The initials of the registered nurse dispensing the pharmaceutical agent

Every effort shall be made to affix the completed label to the pharmaceutical agent container.

DEFINITIONS:

Labeling is the process of preparing and affixing a label to any pharmaceutical agent container.



REFERENCES:

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