

2911.6500 STORAGE.

Subpart 1. **Locked area.** Medication shall be stored in a locked area. The storage area shall be kept locked when not in use by authorized staff.

Subp. 2. **Refrigeration.** Medication requiring refrigeration shall be refrigerated and secured and the temperature checked daily. There must be separate refrigeration for medications only.

Subp. 3. **Access.** Inmates shall not be permitted access to medication storage. Only health-trained staff or health care personnel shall have access to keys for the medication storage area.

Subp. 4. **Medication.** Stock supplies of prescription medications may be maintained at the discretion and upon the approval of the facility's health authority. Prescription medication shall be kept in its original container, bearing the original label. Poisons and medication intended for external use shall be clearly marked. A limited quantity of life-saving prescription medications as approved by the medical authority may be maintained in emergency kits.

Subp. 5. **Controlled substances.** There shall be a procedure for maximum security storage of and accountability for controlled substances.

Subp. 6. **Needles and other medical sharps.** There shall be a written policy and procedure for the control and disposal of medical sharps and supplies. Medical sharps and supplies when used or stored in inmate housing areas shall be accounted for and secured in a locked area.

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