

<p style="text-align: center;">NH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE</p>	<p>CHAPTER <u>Health Services</u> STATEMENT NUMBER <u>6.64</u></p>
<p>SUBJECT: STOP ORDERS</p> <p>PROPONENT: <u>Helen Hanks, Administrative Director.</u> <i>Name/Title</i></p> <p> <u>Medical/Forensic Services 271-3707</u> <i>Office Phone #</i></p>	<p>EFFECTIVE DATE <u>11/30/12</u></p> <p>REVIEW DATE <u>11/30/13</u></p> <p>SUPERSEDES PPD# <u>NEW</u></p> <p>DATED <u>N/A</u></p>
<p>ISSUING OFFICER:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>William Wrenn, Commissioner</i></p>	<p>DIRECTOR'S INITIALS: _____</p> <p>DATE: _____</p> <p>APPENDIX ATTACHED:</p> <p>YES _____ NO _____</p>
<p>REFERENCE NO: See reference section on last page of PPD.</p>	

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to define a policy for the periodic reevaluation of pharmacotherapy.

II. APPLICABILITY:

To all healthcare staff.

III. POLICY:

It is the policy of the NH Department of Corrections (NHDOC) that:

- A. Stop Orders are provided to assure medication orders are reviewed by the prescriber to avoid adverse reactions associated with prolonged use of medications.
- B. Orders may be written for a maximum duration as follows:
 - 1. For narcotic analgesics in Schedule II 30 days;
 - 2. For medications in Schedules III-V 6 months;
 - 3. For all other medications one year; and
 - 4. At no time will orders exceed the limit mandated by the NH Board of Pharmacy and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

IV. PROCEDURE:

- A. All prescribers will write medication orders indicating:
 - 1. Exact number of doses to be administered; or
 - 2. Exact period of time for which the medication is ordered.
- B. Default Time Limits-If the prescriber fails to designate:
 - 1. Schedule II Controlled Substances- 72 hours;
 - 2. Schedule III Controlled Substances- One week;
 - 3. Schedule IV Controlled Substances- One week;
 - 4. Schedule V Controlled Substances- One week;
 - 5. Anti-Microbials (internal and external) - 10 days; and
 - 6. All medications not included in 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 - 30 days.

REFERENCES:

Standards for the Administration of Correctional Agencies
Second Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Correctional Institution
Fourth Edition Standards
4-4378

Standards for Adult Community Residential Services
Fourth Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Probation and Parole Field Services
Third Edition Standards

Other:

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NCCHC: P-D-02

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