

WAC 388-76-10440 Medication—Assessment—Identification of amount of assistance needed when taking medications. (1) The adult family home must:

(a) Ensure each resident assessment identifies the amount of assistance the resident needs when taking medications; and

(b) Let the practitioner know when the following may affect the resident's ability to take their medications:

(i) Resident's physical or mental limitations; and

(ii) The setting or environment where the resident lives.

(2) The amount of assistance needed by a resident when taking their medications is as follows:

(a) *Independent self-administration* is when the resident does not need help taking medications and is able to directly take medications by eating or drinking, inhaling, by shot, through the skin or other means;

(b) *Self-administration with assistance*, as described in chapter 246-888 WAC, is when a resident is assisted in taking their medication by a nonpractitioner; and

(c) *Medication administration* is when medications are administered to the resident by a person legally authorized to do so, such as but not limited to a physician, nurse or pharmacist or through nurse delegation.

(3) The home must contact the resident's practitioner who will decide if a reassessment is necessary when:

(a) The resident has a change in the health status, medications, physical or mental limitations, or environment that might change the resident's need for medication assistance; or

(b) There is a need for a resident to have more than one type of medication assistance.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.128.040 and chapters 70.128 and 74.34 RCW. WSR 07-21-080, § 388-76-10440, filed 10/16/07, effective 1/1/08.]