

POLICY NUMBER: 9

POLICY TITLE:

Safe Administration of intravenous drugs by Registered Nurses within the domiciliary setting

WHO MUST ABIDE BY THIS POLICY?

All Temporary Workers who are Registered Nurses

THE PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY:

To provide temporary nurses with guidelines that ensures the protection of clients against intravenous drug errors.

POLICY CONTENT:

WHAT YOU MUST DO

Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a registered nurse you are accountable for your own practice and should be familiar with the Nursing & Midwifery Council's 'Guidelines to the Administration of Medication'. • All Registered Nurses prepared to give intravenous drugs must evidence in advance to the Employment Businesses compliance team a current, original certificate of competence in intravenous drug therapy authorised by a recognised medical organisation. A copy of the certificate will be kept on file. • All medication to be given intravenously must be prescribed by the Service User's Medical Practitioner. • VERBAL MESSAGES regarding drugs to be administered intravenously are not acceptable. There are no exceptions to this policy. • Details of intravenous therapy prescribed must be entered on to the Medication Administration Record, recorded and signed for when administered to the client. • Wherever possible the medication to be given to the Service User should be checked and signed for by the two Registered Nurses present during the overlap at the shift change.
Certificate	
Prescribed medication	
Verbal messages	
Intravenous therapy	
Double checking	

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GOOD AND COMMENDABLE PRACTICE

We request that you abide by the following good and commendable practices:

Updating knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training/Updating in Intravenous Therapy – It is vital that all nurses continually update in this area without evidence of updates we will not place you.
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END OF POLICY