



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	- 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'.
Certificate	- 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.
Prescribed medication	- All medication to be given intravenously must be prescribed by the Service User's Medical Practitioner.
Verbal messages	- VERBAL MESSAGES regarding drugs to be administered intravenously are not acceptable. There are no exceptions to this policy.
Intravenous therapy	- Details of intravenous therapy prescribed must be entered on to the Medication Administration Record, recorded and signed for when administered to the client.
Double checking	- 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.

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GOOD AND COMMENDABLE PRACTICE

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

Updating knowledge	- 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