

**POLICY NAME:** Disposal of Prescription and Non -  
Prescription Medications

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2018

**PURPOSE:**

To provide direction to employees for the safe and legal disposal of medications found during provision of service to clients.

**Definitions:**

Prescription medications are those which have been prescribed by a medical provider for use by the Client.

Non -pres cription medications are those available over the counter including, but not limited to medications, creams, powders, pills, liquid medicines, or medication patches.

**Process:**

It is the responsibility of the Team Lead to properly dispose of expired prescr iption and non -prescription medications. Medication can remain in its original container.. This should be done with the knowledge of the client. All team members should bring the medications to one area of the house so that they can be bagged together f or disposal. The expired medications should then be taken to a designated disposal site for the community in which the job is being completed.

Excluded items include thermometers, hydrogen peroxide (and other liquids), aerosol cans including inhalers, nee dles (sharps), and ointments.