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Interim Medication Regimen Review (iMRR) and Important Points to Consider

One provision of the new guidance requires the facility to ensure that the pharmacist, facility and medical director collaborate to “establish procedures that address medication regimen reviews (MRRs) for residents who are anticipated to stay less than 30 days or when the resident experiences an acute change of condition as identified by facility staff.”

To address these regulatory changes, Pharmacon implemented a process to address interim reviews. Facility will complete a “Request for Medication Regimen Review” Form and fax it to the number printed on the form.

Key Points:

Please complete all demographic information at top of form.

1) Short Stay:

- a. Upon admission, determine if the resident’s Length of Stay is predicted to be less than 30 days
- b. If so, request an interim Medication Regimen Review (iMRR), using the “Request for Medication Regimen Review” Form.
- c. An interim review does not need to be done if the resident’s stay is anticipated to be long term.
- d. Include copy of current Medication Administration Record and any pertinent laboratory data and consults.

2) Change of Condition:

- a. Refer to “Request for Medication Regimen Review” Form for symptoms, signs, and conditions that may be associated with medications.
- b. Check the applicable symptom(s), sign(s) or condition(s) that apply for the resident. Please clarify as to what the change of condition is (e.g. weight loss/weight gain—make sure you specify which one)
- c. Include copy of current Medication Administration Record and any pertinent laboratory data and consults.

It is recommended that your facility procedures include a review of each Medication Regimen Review Request by selected facility staff (e.g. DON, MDS Coordinator) before these forms are faxed to the pharmacy to ensure appropriate use of this process.

