Michigan Medication Aide Supervision FAQ's

Question	Resolution
Can a medication aide be supervised by a licensed practical nurse (LPN)?	No, a medication aide requires supervision by a registered nurse (RN).
Can a medication aide administer a controlled substance?	No.
Can a medication aide administer the initial administration of medication to a resident?	No.
Can a medication aide administer an injectable medication?	No.
Does an RN supervisor have to be present at the facility for a medication aide to practice?	No. While it could be something the facility may require, the only registration requirement is that there must be continuous availability of direct communication.
Should the RN supervisor review my practice as a medication aide on a regularly scheduled basis?	Yes.
Is the RN supervisor required to provide the medication aide with a predetermined procedure and drug protocol?	Yes.
Can a medication aide be investigated and disciplined by the state agency if there is no RN supervisor?	Yes, a medication aide is subject to disciplinary action for failure to follow any of the applicable laws and rules.
Can a medication aide be investigated and disciplined by the state agency if the aide performs work without a predetermined procedure and drug protocol being provided?	Yes, a medication aide is subject to disciplinary action for failure to follow any of the applicable laws and rules.

Additional Resources:

Medication Aide Registry Questions: (517) 284-8961 or BCHS-CNA-Registry@michigan.gov

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