



Fostering Health Partnerships

How do I get a refill prescription early if needed during a change in placement?

If a child's medications are lost during a placement change and there is a refill on file at the pharmacy, it is possible to get an emergency early refill. This is only possible once per drug per 12 months. Each early refill will only be filled for a 34-day supply. The pharmacy calls MDHHS Pharmacy Benefits to request the override so that they can fill the prescription.

To avoid the need for an early refill:

- Look in Care Connect 360 to get a list of the child's current prescriptions
- Discuss the child's current health and mental health care services, prescriptions, medication supply and problem solve any gaps in care during the change of placement Family Team Meeting
- Ask the current foster care provider to make sure that all the child's medications, and any paper prescriptions, are available for the person who will be transporting the child to the new placement
- Ask the transporting staff to look at the prescriptions and medications and compare to the list discussed at the family team meeting. If any of the containers only have a few pills, let the new foster parent know they will need to contact the pharmacy soon to make sure there is no gap in supply

If an early refill is needed:

- Let the child's new foster parent/placement know they will need to ask the pharmacy for an early refill for the prescriptions that are needed and let the pharmacy know that the medications were lost during the placement change
- Ask the foster parent to call you if the pharmacy says they cannot refill prescriptions early
- If needed, contact the pharmacy, verify the change in placement and the emergency need.