



COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING

Mangum Regional Medical Center

TITLE		POLICY
Standing Orders		DRM-028
MANUAL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVIEW DATE
Drug Room	10-1-2020	10-1-2020
DEPARTMENT	REFERENCE	
Drug Room	Oklahoma Pharmacy Law Book	

SCOPE

This policy applies to all patients receiving care and treatment at MANGUM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define the scope of Standing Orders at MANGUM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

DEFINITIONS

Standing orders: group of orders that commonly apply to all or most all patients of a like category, relating to routine care or standard treatment measures for common problems or conditions.

POLICY

Standing orders must meet specific criteria and must be approved by the medical staff. Standing orders may address emergency measures, which may be required in life threatening situations to stabilize a patient's condition or prevent more serious complications, injury or death.

Implementation of standing orders in emergency situations when a physician is not available requires critical decision making by nursing personnel who are competent in the recognition, understanding and interpretation of the patient's condition. Therefore standing orders must also be approved by the nursing staff. Standing orders are to be considered a starting point for provider orders and should be individualized to the needs of each patient.

PROCEDURE

1. General Criteria for Standing Orders includes the following:
 - a. Reflect generally accepted medical practices and therapies.

- b. Be consistent with the legal scope of nursing practice in the state of Oklahoma.
 - c. Be approved for the use in the institution through the appropriate medical staff and nursing processes.
 - d. Be authorized and countersigned by the appropriate provider(s) within 24 hours of implementation.
 - e. Be individualized as appropriate to the needs and conditions of the specific patient to which the order is being applied.
 - f. Be transcribed and verified with the appropriate provider(s) prior to being implemented.
 - g. Be reviewed by both medical and nursing staffs on an annual and as needed basis for revisions as necessary.
 - h. Be implemented by a nurse or other licensed healthcare provider whose training and experience qualifies him or her for the duties and responsibilities outlined in the standing orders.
 - i. The patient must be assessed for appropriateness of implementing the standing order.
2. In the event that a change in a standing order is deemed necessary for the well-being of the patient, the ordering provider shall be notified and the order should be countersigned by the ordering provider in timely manner.

REFERENCES

Oklahoma Pharmacy Law Book

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

REVISIONS/UPDATES

Date	Brief Description of Revision/Change