**Policy**

The nursing home shall assure safe storage of medications.

# **Procedure**

1. All prescription medications must be stored under proper temperature controls and secured against unauthorized access.
2. All prescription medicines and drugs, except those that are authorized to be kept at the bedside for self-administration in accordance with Residents Rights, shall be kept in locked storage areas and separate from materials that may contaminate the medicines and drugs such as poisonous substances.
3. Prescription medications and drugs that are to be self-administered shall be kept by the resident with reasonable measures taken to keep them safe and secure.
4. Keys to locked contingency drug supplies shall be made available to a licensed health care professional.
5. Controlled substances shall be ordered, dispensed, administered, and disposed of in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.