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MEDICATION BEST PRACTICES

Home for the Holidays: Medications During Home Visits

Holiday visits with family are a highlight of the year. They also mean medications move, for a few days, from a familiar routine to a new setting. A few simple habits help those visits go smoothly for individuals, families and staff.

1 Plan early

The holidays are busy for families, staff and pharmacies alike. Talking about visits early gives everyone time to prepare, including your pharmacy.

2 Keep families in the loop

Families want to get it right. A short conversation about what's going home, and when, helps them feel confident.

3 Make it easy to follow

Clear labels and simple written information take the guesswork out of a busy holiday schedule.

4 Make sure everyone knows who to call

Questions come up, especially after hours. It helps when families know who to reach while they're away.

5 Reconnect after the visit

A quick check-in on how the visit went, including any changes in health or new medications, keeps care continuous.

6 Lean on your policies and partners

Your agency's leave-of-absence process is the guide. Your nurse, prescriber and pharmacy are there to help with the details.

How SafeDose helps

Our packaging is labeled by date and time, which makes medications easier to follow wherever someone spends the holidays. Questions about home visits? Your SafeDose pharmacy team is here to help.

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