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Within the Scope of Practice of: RN LPN

ADVISORY OPINION MEDISET

It is within the scope of practice for a RN's/LPN's to prepare a medication device for the purpose of facilitating the ultimate user's self administration or subsequent taking of the medication if the following requirements are met.

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Written policy and procedure are maintained by the agency\employer.
- B. A physician has prescribed the medication which has been properly compounded, packaged, labeled and delivered to the ultimate user.

Special Note - The nurse is not considered dispensing when a medication is taken from the ultimate user's labeled package and placed in a device to facilitate the ultimate user's self administration.

II. RATIONALE

Ensure the ultimate user's independence and compliance with prescribed treatment modality.

III. REFERENCES

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