

OPINION: FAQ –Filling Mediset  
The Role of the RN and LPN APPROVED:  
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## **Frequently Asked Question Regarding the Role of the RN and LPN in filling a MEDISET**

**QUESTION:** *Is it within the Scope of Practice for the Registered Nurse (RN) and/or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to prepare a medication device (e.g. Mediset, pillbox) for the purpose of facilitating the ultimate user’s self-administration or subsequent taking of the medication?*

**ANSWER:** It is within the Scope of Practice for the RN and/or LPN to prepare a medication device such as a Mediset to facilitate the self administration of subsequent medications as long as a physician has prescribed the medication and the medications have been properly compounded, packaged, labeled, and delivered to the ultimate user. 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.

**QUESTION:** *Is it within the Scope of Practice for the RN and/or LPN to teach an individual how to prepare his/her own medication device (e.g. Mediset/pillbox)?*

**ANSWER:** It is within the Scope of Practice for the RN and/or LPN to instruct the individual or caregiver, the correct method for preparing a medication device such as a Mediset to facilitate the self-administration of subsequent medications.

### **RATIONALE:**

Assisting the ultimate user’s independence and compliance with prescribed treatment modality is an important nursing function.

### **REFERENCE:**

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