

**ADH/CDH Medication Administration Directives  
All in the Family, LLC Guidelines for Member Support  
PRN MEDICATIONS**

All in the Family requires Developmental Home providers whose homes are monitored by this agency to take Medication Management & Administration training—that has been created and facilitated by this agency—every three years, or sooner if requested.

PRN (pro re nata) is an abbreviation commonly used in medicine to mean ‘as needed’ or ‘as the situation arises’.

It is VERY important to know the difference between “on a daily/weekly/monthly/quarterly basis” and “as needed” medications.

**REMEMBER:** A Behavioral Medication can NEVER be administered on a PRN basis.

All in the Family, LLC has a strict protocol that does NOT allow for any Developmental Home provider or Support Personnel to administer non-behavioral prescription or non-prescription PRN medication to any member in an ADH/CDH monitored by our agency EXCEPT medications identified by medical personnel as PRN acceptable or for life-saving administration, per the Physician and the member’s Planning Document.

As a licensed Developmental Home provider monitored by All in the Family, LLC (AITF) it is your responsibility to monitor and inform the individual’s prescribing Physician of each member’s:

- 1) Continued ability, for non-behavioral prescription and non-prescription PRN medications, to be able to clearly communicate his/her symptoms;
- 2) Continued ability to determine his/her own need for any PRN medications.

EXAMPLES of a PRN medication would be an inhaler for asthma, Benadryl cream for rashes, Tylenol, EPI pen used for severe allergic reactions, or Diazepam rectal medication for Cluster Seizures.

**When administering PRN medications these Agency guidelines MUST be followed:**

- Right Person—Right Time—Right Medication—Right Dose—Right Route--Right Documentation
- Check for the appropriate medication based on symptom/s per the member’s PRN Medications Document.
- Contact the Physician’s office with any question or concern about the symptom/s or PRN medication.
- Make medical appointment or take member to Urgent Care or Emergency Room if symptom/s worsen or change.

**Make sure you know EXACTLY HOW to administer PRN medications:**

- What the medication is expected to do.
- How much to give if a variable dose has been prescribed.
- The minimum time between doses if the first dose has not worked.
- Correct route for PRN Medication