

Medication Dispensing Protocol

- Any patient residing in a facility will have medications dispensed in unit dose bubble packs and or syringes unless explicitly notified.
- Any non-controlled medication with a dose that has a volume larger than 5 ml will be dispensed in a ported bottle with a syringe or dosing cup regardless if it is a facility or a home, unless explicitly notified.
- Any of the following medications for facility patients will be dispensed as a unit-dosed minimum quantity of 30 syringes for as needed directions. Routine Rx's will be dispensed for a minimum quantity of 30 syringes and a maximum quantity of 60 syringes: Morphine 20 mg/ml, Hydromorphone 1 mg/ml, Oxycodone 20 mg/ml, Lorazepam 2 mg/ml, Haloperidol 2 mg/ml, and Methadone 10 mg/ml.
- Promethazine 12.5 mg/0.1 ml cream: orders will be dispensed as a minimum of 10 unit dosed syringes regardless of whether the patient resides in home or facility. Order can be repeated and increased to a maximum of 30 units for a patient, when requested.
- ABH 1/25/1 or 2/25/2 cream: orders will be dispensed as a minimum of 10 unit dosed syringes. Order can be repeated and increased to a maximum of 60 units for a patient, when requested.
- Promethazine, hyoscyamine, and ondansetron tablets will be dispensed for a minimum quantity of 10.

*Dispensing protocol was created and designed for the following purposes: streamline dispensing protocol to maximize efficiency, reduce overall cost by reducing STAT and after hour requests, and provide continuity among all hospice accounts. All hospice contracts with Compassionate Care Pharmacy are structured in a manner that a slight increase in dispensing quantity has a negligible increase in the cost of the Rx and the increased quantity will provide savings overall, by reducing the STAT and after hours requests.

