

# Department of Human Services Information Bulletin

**To:** Agency Providers, Community Care Residence Providers  
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**Subject:** Labels for Over-the-Counter Medications

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In response to a number of agency inquiries, the Department of Human Services provides the following clarification regarding requirements for over-the-counter (OTC) medication labels in community residences for individuals with developmental disabilities or persons with head injuries.

## **Guidelines**

There are no requirements for a pharmacy label for medications that are available OTC. In addition, there is often an additional cost to the consumer to obtain a label from the pharmacist for OTC medications. The Office of Licensing recognizes that the manufacturer's label is sufficient to provide assurance that the medication is consistent with the physician's order.

The statement required in N.J.A.C. 10:44A-5.3(a) is considered a physician's order.

The licensing standards N.J.A.C. 10:44A, N.J.A.C. 10:44B and N.J.A.C. 10:44C are available at the Department of Human Services, Office of Licensing website at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ool/licensing>.