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To: All AHS Continuing Care and Contracted Operators

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RE: AHS Medication Governance and Supporting Practice Resource - Update

After a comprehensive review, the following decisions regarding medication governance and supporting practice resources have been approved.

1. The [Medication Administration \(Continuing Care\) Policy](#) has been approved with non-substantive changes and the review date is now March 24, 2026 (also available on [Insite](#)).
2. The [Medication Management \(Continuing Care\) Policy](#) has been approved with non-substantive changes and the review date is now March 24, 2026 (also available on [Insite](#)).
3. The [Minimum Comparable Pharmacy Service Requirements in Designated Supportive Living](#) is updated and approved for use (also located on [Continuing Care Connection](#)).
4. The Continuing Care *Management of Patient's Own Medications, Long-Term Care* Procedure is rescinded with relevant content retained in the Continuing Care Medication Management FAQ. Please refer to the AHS *Management of Patient's Own Medications* Policy and Procedure.
5. The *Appropriate Use of Antipsychotic* Guideline is rescinded with relevant content retained in the Continuing Care Medication Management FAQ.
 - o Clinicians should refer to the AUA Toolkit (located at <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/scns/auatoolkit.aspx>) for the most up to date guidance regarding antipsychotic medication management.
6. The Medication Administration and Medication Management in Continuing Care Policy FAQs (2) have been replaced with the Continuing Care Medication Management FAQs. The [Continuing Care Medication Management FAQs](#) is approved for use (also located on [Continuing Care Connection](#)).

Rescindment of the *Patient's Own Medication in Long-Term Care* Procedure and *Appropriate Use of Antipsychotic* Guideline does not change legislated requirements regarding assessment and provision of medication management when determined to be a component of care.

Reach out to the PSHCC Policy and Practice team for any additional background, rationale and supporting documentation for the recommendations that led to these decisions.

Please email continuingcare@ahs.ca if you have any questions.