

To: All Guardian Pharmacy of South Georgia Facilities

From: Guardian Pharmacy of South Georgia

We wanted to reinforce our policies and procedures for orders being processed in order to help us serve you and your residents better

- 1. **Our cutoff time for the night run is 4:00**. Our drivers try to leave no later than 5pm to ensure they arrive at our facilities in time for your residents to receive their bedtime doses. If you have a resident that is at the doctor's office or the Emergency Room after 3pm, and you anticipate they are going to receive new orders, please contact Guardian Pharmacy of South Georgia immediately, and we will contact the provider and try to get the orders sent to us so that we can hold a driver and get the medications to your resident as quickly as possible. If we receive a fax for a refill after 4:00pm, we will not process the order until the next business day. Please fax all orders in a timely manner, and communicate with us when you have special circumstances.
- 2. **New Residents** Please notify Guardian Pharmacy of South Georgia when you know you have a new patient moving in. Try to get the purchase agreement, insurance, and pharmacy information <u>before</u> the resident moves in. We will contact their pharmacy or physician and try to have the orders transferred to us and ready to pack when the resident arrives at your facility.
- 3. **Discharges/Leaves of Absence** You must notify Guardian Pharmacy of South Georgia immediately when a resident is discharged or leaves the facility for an extended period of time (i.e. hospital stays, vacations, etc.). We have no way of knowing not to send medication unless we are notified. This causes billing issues and unnecessary concerns from family members.
- 4. **Refills** Our policy is 24 hour notice on refills; however, we will send them out the same day when possible. Please ask your staff to notify Guardian Pharmacy of South Georgia in advance of your residents running out of medications to give us time to get refills from the physician, if needed, and order the medication if it is something we do not stock.
- 5. **Cycle Medications** Cycle medications are delivered at least one day before the cycle starts, if not more. It is your responsibility to check in your cycle medications either before or while you switch them out and notify Guardian Pharmacy of South Georgia of any discrepancies during normal business hours. Failure to do this and contacting us after hours will result in a non-emergency fee being charged.
- 6. **Insurance Records/Printouts** We require at least 24 hours notice on all report needs.
- 7. **Special Packing for Trips** We require <u>72 hours notice</u> if special packaging is needed for residents while they are traveling. If you have multiple residents traveling at the same time we need a <u>minimum</u> of a week to change their packaging.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Following the above guidelines will help us serve you and your residents in a timely manner. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at any time.

Thanks,

The Staff of Guardian Pharmacy of South Georgia