

CERTIFIED MEDICATION AIDE

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SERIES CONCEPT

Certified Medication Aides (CMAs) are CNAs who have had additional training and are authorized to administer non-injectable medications. Oregon CMAs must pass an OSBN-approved medication aide training program, pass an examination approved by the OSBN and receive CMA certification before administering medications

CMAs, under supervision by a licensed nurse, may administer: oral, sublingual and buccal medications; eye medications with the exception of eye medications to new post-operative eye clients; ear medications; nasal medications; rectal medications; vaginal medications; skin ointments, topical medications including patches and transdermal medications; medications by gastrostomy and jejunostomy tubes; premeasured medication delivered by Aerosol/Nebulizer; and medications delivered by metered hand-held inhalers.

CMAs may administer PRN medications (including controlled substances) to stable clients according to physician's or nurse practitioner's orders in the following circumstances, The CMA may, as an unlicensed person, provide care as delegated or assigned by a licensed nurse pursuant to the terms and conditions in OAR 851-047-0000 through 851-047-0040.

Incumbents may be assigned to any of a wide variety of programs including psychiatric nursing, chemical dependency, forensic, sex offenders, dual diagnosis, developmentally disabled, maternal child health services, family planning, immunization, etc. Patients may vary in socioeconomic, cultural, emotional, and/or physical needs and may be confused, disoriented, aggressive or hostile. Some settings may involve exposure to communicable diseases, lifting and moving patients or equipment weighing up to 50 pounds and may involve restraining patients.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

The Certified Medication Aide is differentiated from the Certified Nursing Assistant classifications by the authorization to dispense non-injectable medications.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS

EDUCATION: Per certification requirements.

EXPERIENCE: Per certification requirements.

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE: Current Oregon CNA 1 AND CMA certifications prior to assuming CMA duties.

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS: Demonstrated positive interpersonal and communication skills with colleagues, patients, families, physicians, and the community.