

1 26 NCAC 46 .2401 is amended **with changes** without notice pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.5(a)(3) as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 46 .2401 MEDICATION IN HEALTH DEPARTMENTS**

4 A registered nurse employed by a local health department may dispense prescription drugs or devices under the  
5 following conditions:

- 6 (1) Drugs or devices may be dispensed only to health department patients, with the exception of:
- 7 (a) opioid antagonists, which may be dispensed either to health department patients or to  
8 others as permitted by G.S. 90-12.7; ~~90-106.2~~; and
- 9 (b) epinephrine auto-injectors, which may be dispensed either to health department patients  
10 or to school personnel as permitted by G.S. 115C-375.2A;
- 11 (2) No drugs or devices may be dispensed except at health department clinics;
- 12 (3) The health department shall secure the services of a pharmacist-manager who shall be responsible  
13 for compliance with all statutes, rules, and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy and  
14 dispensing of drugs at the health department;
- 15 (4) Only the general categories of drugs or devices listed in Rule .2403 of this Section may be  
16 dispensed by a health department registered nurse; **and**
- 17 (5) All drugs or devices dispensed pursuant to G.S. 90-85.34A and **these the** rules **of this Section** shall  
18 be packaged, labeled, and otherwise dispensed in compliance with state and federal law, and  
19 records of dispensing shall be kept in compliance with state and federal law. The pharmacist-  
20 manager shall verify the accuracy of the records at least weekly, and where health department  
21 personnel dispense to 30 or more patients in a 24-hour period per dispensing site, the pharmacist-  
22 manager shall verify the accuracy of the records within 24 hours after dispensing occurs.

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24 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 90-12.7; 90-85.6; 90-85.34A; ~~90-106.2~~; 115C-375.2A;

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