



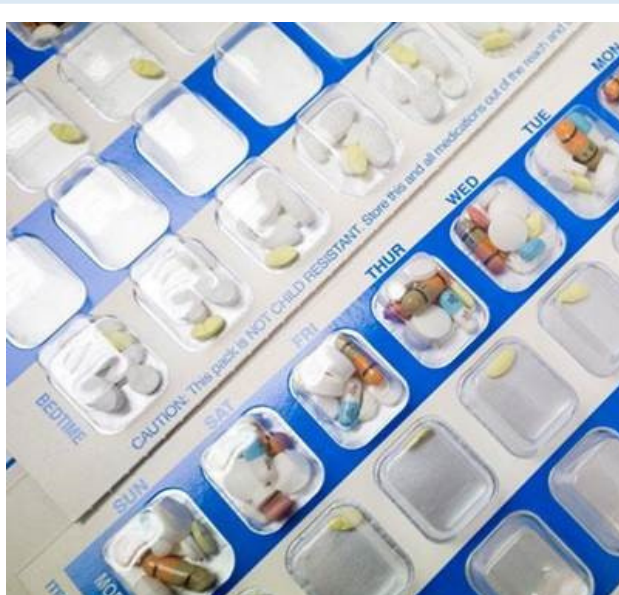
## Assisting Clients with Medication

Bellwoods' clients are solely responsible for:

- Ordering their prescription and non-prescription medication(s).
- Communicating with their primary care practitioner regarding their own medication and health management activities.

Clients must also comply with *Bellwoods' Medication Assistance Policy* and meet all of the following requirements:

- Client's medical condition must be stable.
- The medication(s) is taken routinely by client and therefore, outcomes of this medication are known and predictable.
- An up-to-date *Medication Direction Form* is completed.
- Assistance with self-administration of medication is listed as an ADL in the client's daily services.
- The medications have not been altered in any way without the explicit written confirmation of a pharmacist.
- The medication(s) being requested is not an illegal or illicit substance.
- The client has been deemed eligible to receive this assistance and understands the scope of the assistance they are to receive.



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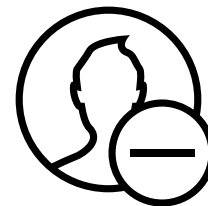
### What assistance can staff provide?

#### *Bellwoods staff will:*



- Only become involved at the request of the client if or when they require support and/or education in this area.
- Assist the client by making medications accessible to him/her/them if the client lacks the physical ability to administer his/her/their own medication.
- Provide medication assistance as part of the client's activities of daily living (ADL), and only when the medication is pre-packaged and has clearly marked pharmacy applied labels.
- Assist clients in the self-administration of medication through support of pre-poured or pre-dosed medication systems (pharmacy prepared pre-poured pack or blister pack), or self-medication education programs.
- Not assist a client with their medication if there is a discrepancy between the directions on the pharmacy label and those provided by the client.

#### *Bellwoods reserves the right to refuse with medication if the client:*



- Requests medication assistance lies outside of the parameters of Bellwoods policy and their Medication Direction Form.
- Does not keep their prescribed and over-the-counter (OTC) medications in the original bottles, units or blister packs with the prescription label clearly visible and legible.
- Requests assistance with prescriptions medications that are not prescribed to them (i.e., clients must not borrow medications from others).
- Does not provide instructions to Bellwoods' staff to enable them to assist the client with their medication. It is understood that if there are any discrepancies between the instructions of the client and the instructions on the container of any medications, Bellwoods shall be entitled to refuse to assist the client with medication.