

POLICY MANUAL

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POLICY:

Cumberland Heights Extended Care patients may, at times, require medical care. The relationship between patients and the Medical Department of Cumberland Heights changes once a patient is referred to the Extended Care Program. The Cumberland Heights Medical Department ceases to be responsible for the day-to-day care of the patient and management of medications.

PROCEDURE:

1. Extended Care Patients that desire to follow-up with a Psychiatrist or Addiction Medicine Specialist on staff may do so. The patient's counselor will make the appointment and the patient will make arrangements with the financial office prior to seeing the physician. Follow-up visits are not included in the Extended Care Program fees.
2. Extended Care Patients that become sick and need to see a physician can make an appointment with their primary care physician if they live in the Nashville area. Patients that are not from the area are encouraged to seek treatment at a local healthcare provider. Patients are responsible for any expenses incurred.
3. Extended Care Patients have to complete a written list of all medications, including over-the-counter. This list is kept by the Case Manager along with a copy at the house. Patients are expected to update the list with any changes. All medications, including over-the-counter are kept in the patient's locked safe.
4. Patients must get all medications approved by their Counselor and the Medical Director. Patients are responsible for getting their own prescriptions filled.