

Department: Pharmacy **Policy Number:** HHS-8102-PH

Attachments: _____
Policy Title: Co-Signing of Prescriptions **Date:** 1994

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Policy Statement:

Outside prescriptions written for formulary medications

Purpose:

Procedure:

Prescriptions presented to the Mille Lacs Band Health and Human Services pharmacies, which are written by physicians not on the clinics preferred list, if considered emergencies, can be filled with a ten day supply only. Clinic providers will review the script to determine emergency status and co-sign, authorizing only a ten day supply.

Co-signing is an emergency procedure only and is not to be routinely used to circumvent the clinic policy of filling only prescriptions from providers on the Mille Lacs Band Health and Human Services preferred providers list.

Any further medication supply may only be obtained from Mille Lacs Band Health and Human Services pharmacy by appointment with a clinic provider for a full examination and review of the patient's medical history and drug regimen. When this has occurred, the clinic provider will assume responsibility for the prescription, and the patient's ongoing drug therapy.

If an outside referral is necessary, it will be through the standard referral process in which our clinic providers are involved directly with the referral provider in the continuing treatment of the patient.