DENVER HEALTH
DRUG DISPENSING TO AMBULATORY PATIENTS

Definition – "Dispense" – Colorado law 12-42.5-102: "to prepare a drug or device pursuant to a lawful prescription order of a practitioner, together with an appropriate label, in a suitable container for subsequent administration or use by a patient or other individual entitled to receive the prescription order".

LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR DRUGS DISPENSED TO OUTPATIENTS

Labels must contain:

1. Name, address and telephone of the dispenser (i.e., Denver Health Medical Center, Emergency Department, 777 Bannock St., Denver, CO 80204 (303) 436-7140)
2. Full name of the patient
3. Name of the drug, strength, and amount dispensed*
4. Directions to the patient regarding how to use the drug
5. Name of the prescribing practitioner
6. Name or initials of dispensing individual and date dispensed
7. DEA caution labels and/or patient ancillary labels for safe use
8. Pharmacy's identifying serial number +

*will be affixed to containers of unit of use packaged drugs issued by the pharmacy
+applies only to drugs dispensed from an outpatient pharmacy

PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DRUGS

Patient Assistance Program (PAP) drugs dispensed from non-pharmacy areas of the agency must be labeled in compliance with applicable laws and this policy (#1 thru 7 above).

SAMPLE DRUGS

Samples dispensed from non-pharmacy areas of the agency must be labeled in compliance with applicable laws and this policy (#1 thru 7 above).

PACKAGING

All drugs dispensed to outpatients will be packaged to conform with the Poison Prevention Packaging Act PPPA (PL 91-601), December 30, 1970. All drugs dispensed from a pharmacy and issued from a pharmacy to another area for dispensing will be packaged in accordance with PPPA. Other dispensing areas should not remove the seal from unit of use packaged drugs. "Blister Pack" medications are considered appropriately packaged but labeling is incomplete for the purpose of dispensing to patients.