

Student Health and Counseling Services

Protocol:	ADMINISTRATION OF PATIENT-BROUGHT MEDICATIONS	
History:	09/21/2026	
Approvals:	Student Health Services, Director	Annie Marlis, MSHA, MSL, CHC
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POLICY: The administration of medications is limited to those orders written by Student Health Services' licensed providers. Student Health Services will not administer medications that are obtained from an outside pharmacy or other external source and brought to the clinic by a patient, family member, or other individual.

This policy is intended to help ensure the safety, security, and integrity of medications administered in the clinic. When a medication has been obtained and transported by a patient, Student Health Services cannot verify how the medication was stored or handled prior to arriving at the clinic. This includes concerns related to temperature controls, storage conditions, expiration, tampering, or product integrity.

Medications obtained and administered by Student Health Services must be procured through approved channels and handled in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, CSU policies, and Student Health Services policies and procedures.

An exception may be considered on a case-by-case basis, if refusal to administer medication from a patient's external source presents an immediate life-threatening risk to his/her/their health or safety. Any exception to this policy must be approved by the attending physician based on clinical judgement and documented through an incident report.

Related information:

California Business & Professions Code 4180-4181,

https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/laws_regs/lawbook.pdf

Policy on University Health Services EO 943,

<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/12057598/latest/>

U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA). Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA),

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-supply-chain-integrity/drug-supply-chain-security-act-dscsa>