

Provision of Medication when Pharmacy is Closed

 [Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-1,142 \(14\)](#) Dispense or dispensing means interpreting, evaluating, and implementing a medical order, including preparing and delivering a drug or device to a patient or caregiver in a suitable container appropriately labeled for subsequent administration to, or use by, a patient. The practice of pharmacy includes dispensing; a physician may also dispense incident to the practice of medicine.

It is acceptable that a physician assistant, nurse practitioner or nurse (pursuant to a physician order) may provide a patient with enough multiple single doses of medication for self-administration until such time as the ordered medication can be dispensed by a pharmacist so long as the exact amount to be dispensed and specific instruction on how the medication is to be taken is specified by the licensed practitioner in the medical record.