



TITLE	Outside Patient Food, Medication, and Supplies on Nursing Units
TODAY'S DATE	5.4.20
SECTION	<input type="checkbox"/> Organization Wide <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Department <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Medical staff [physicians and advance care practitioners]

APPLICABLE LOCATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> All Bozeman Health locations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Big Sky Medical Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Belgrade Clinic + UrgentCare <input type="checkbox"/> Hillcrest Senior Living <input type="checkbox"/> b2 UrgentCare <input type="checkbox"/> b2 MicroCare
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PURPOSE: To outline roles and responsibilities of staff and the organization in allowing, providing, and maintaining outside food supplies, medications, and personal items for admitted patients.

POLICY/PROTOCOL: Food and appropriate medication is made available 24 hours a day to meet each patient’s nutritional and medical needs by their Bozeman Health care team. Outside, perishable foods and home medications will not be allowed in the hospital for the foreseeable future due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Non-perishable foods and personal items such as iPads, phone, charger, books, etc. may be brought in by an admitted patient’s family member or friend, labeled with the patient’s full name and date of birth, and left at the screener’s desk at Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital’s emergency department entrance and at Big Sky Medical Center’s main lobby. The screener will deliver these approved items to the nurses’ station in the appropriate unit as time allows. The clinical staff will inspect these items to ensure patient safety and adherence to guidelines prior to the clinical staff delivering to the patient’s room.

Bozeman Health is not liable for any lost items.

NOTES:

OTHER POLICIES/PROTOCOLS TO REFERENCE:

SCOPE:

We anticipate these adjustment to be temporary and reserve the right to revise or discontinue these adjustments with or without notice depending on the current understanding and/or business needs of Bozeman Health relating to COVID-19.