

**[Insert Name of RACF]**  
**NURSE INITIATED MEDICATION POLICY**

**Policy Statement**

This policy seeks to define the conditions and regulations under which nurse initiated medications are managed by general practitioners and residential aged care facilities.

The **Aged Care Panel Regional Medication Advisory Committee** has prepared the Nurse Initiated Medication Policy to describe the way and circumstances under which nurse initiated medications are approved, reviewed and administered where the **{insert name of RACF}** is a member of the Regional Medication Advisory Committee.

- A defined list of S2 or S3 Nurse Initiated Medications (NIM) in **{insert name of RACF}** have been identified for administration to residents by appropriately qualified nurses.
- The NIM list has been approved by the Aged Care Panel Regional Medication Advisory Committee.
- All NIMs administered to residents in accordance with the defined list will be documented on the facility Medication Chart in the Nurse Initiated Medication section.
- The NIM list will be reviewed by the Aged Care Panel Regional Medication Advisory Committee every 6 months in accordance with APAC Guidelines.
- Each resident's General Practitioner will be required to sign the NIM list indicating authorisation for administration for each resident on admission. Where a medication is contraindicated for a resident the General Practitioner will place a line through the relevant medication(s).
- Where changes are made to the NIM list the facility will notify each visiting GP and have them authorise the revised list for each resident.

**References:**

- Australian Pharmaceutical Advisory Council (2002) *Guidelines for Medication Management in Residential Aged Care Facilities (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)*
- NSW Health Department's Information Bulletin 2003/10 – *Guide to the Handling of Medications in Nursing Homes New South Wales*