(A) Policy Statement

In addition to medication order policy 3364-133-17, all medication for pediatric patients will be weight based dosed.

(B) Purpose of Policy

Dosing medications by weight in pediatric patients will provide a safe mechanism for the delivery of appropriate medication in this population.

(C) Procedure

1. Pediatric dose calculation must be weight based per medical staff policies
2. A pharmacist will demonstrate competency in an Age-Specific Competency through the annual competency.
3. Medication orders received in the pharmacy for pediatric patients will be verified by on a per kilogram (Kg) or Body Surface Area meter squared per appropriate pediatric dosage references.
4. The pharmacy informatics system generates warnings for the pharmacist a pediatric order was entered.
5. Medication orders outside of normal dosing guidelines per Kg or BSA per meter squared will be clarified per pharmacy procedure 017-IPP.