**20:48:04.01:11.  Medication administration tasks that require a written protocol.** A registered nurse must develop, and maintain on file, a written protocol that includes specific medication administration instructions and training requirements, before delegating the following medication administration tasks to a nursing assistant:

(1)  Administration of the initial dose of a medication that has not been previously administered to the client;

(2)  Administration of medications on an as-needed basis, including schedule II controlled substances listed in SDCL 34-20B-16 and 34-20B-17 that are prescribed and labeled in a container for a specific client; and

(3)  Administration of insulin by the subcutaneous route, when a licensed nurse is not available to administer the insulin, in accordance with §§ 20:48:04.01:16 and 20:48:04.01:17.

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