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1. Dated,
2. Timed, and
3. Promptly documented by authorized medical personnel that is responsible for the beneficiary's care and authorized to receive verbal orders in accordance with State law.

B. Verbal orders must be signed by the ordering physician within fourteen (14) days of the date the verbal order was given except for:

1. Pharmacy verbal orders which must be signed in compliance with the Mississippi Pharmacy Practice Regulations.
2. Nursing facility verbal orders which must be signed:
 - a) Within thirty (30) days of the date the verbal order was given during the first ninety (90) days after admission.
 - b) Within sixty (60) days of the date the verbal order was given after the initial ninety (90) days from admission.

Source: 42 C.F.R. §§ 482.23, 482.24, 483.30; Miss. Code Ann. §§ 43-13-117, 43-13-121; Miss. Admin. Code Title 30, Part 3001.

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