

**[BFAD MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 1, s. 1994,
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COMPLIANCE WITH THE IRR OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ACT

Rule V (D) states:

"A senior citizen is entitled to a minimum of twenty percent (20%) discount in the purchase of medicine for his personal use and according to his personal needs."

In the purchase of medicine, a senior citizen or his duly authorized representative should always present the national identification card duly certified by the OSCA together with the doctor's prescription in case of prescription drugs. If over-the-counter, the number of drugs purchased shall be commensurate to the elderly person's needs as determined by the pharmacist.

Whether or not it is a prescription or OTC, the name, address, national I.D. No. of the senior citizen, the generic name of drugs/medicines and No. of units dispensed shall be recorded in a special record book for Senior Citizens Discount under R.A. 7432, and shall be subject to inspection by Food and Drug Inspectors. In case of partial filling, the No. of units dispensed shall be recorded both on prescription and on the special record book together with the unfilled balance. The name of drugstore where the prescription was partially filled shall also be written on the prescription.

These discount privileges shall be limited and exclusive for the benefit of the senior citizens.

All drug outlets are therefore enjoined to comply with the cited rule: and all FDROs are instructed to report non-compliance if evidence of such commission or omission shall so warrant.

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