Effective March 27, 2019 you will see an *Early Administration Warning* that is related to medication intervals. Since “Right time” is a core element of the Rights of Medication Administration, this alert will increase patient safety by reducing the potential for medication doses being given too close together.

**Practice Change**

All Q4H and Q6H medications (PRN and/or Scheduled) that are given more than 30 minutes prior to the next administration will receive an *Early Administration Warning*. No other frequencies are impacted at this time. To clarify, this warning is in relation to the previous dose of the medication not being given at the scheduled time.

**Action Steps**

When the previous dosage of the selected medication was given more than 30 minutes prior to the next administration, this warning will appear.

Select either **Yes**, **No**, or **Not Given**.

If you select **No**, the system will close the warning window. Continue charting as normal.

If you select **Yes**, the system will open the *Early Interval Reason* window. Document an override reason for this early administration. Click **Ok**.

*Important Note*: To reschedule subsequent doses send a *Med Request* or follow your site policy for contacting the pharmacy. However, you should select *Standardize Admin Times* if you need to override the alert and administer the medication.
If selecting Not Given, the system will open the window for charting. Place a checkmark in Not Given, choose a Reason, and Sign.

Important Note: This should only be used for scheduled medications as it removes the scheduled task.

Example of when to use: The physician instructs you to not give the schedule dose.