



# Clinical IS Update

**Topic:** Fields Added to Document Reason for Discontinuation of a Medication

**Facility:** All IU Health and Union Health Inpatient and Ambulatory Facilities

**Audience:** Providers, Nursing and Clinical Staff that Discontinue Medications

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Two fields are being added to provide the ability to document a reason when a medication is discontinued. This applies to:

- Overview:**
- Prescriptions
  - Documented Meds By History
  - Outpatient, Emergency or Inpatient Medication Orders

## Fields Added to Document Reason for Discontinuation of a Medication

When one of the medication-type orders listed above is discontinued, two new fields will display:

- **Discontinue Reason** with dropdown options, and
- **Discontinue Reason Comment** with a free-text field

Both of these fields are **OPTIONAL** but are available to document the reason a medication was discontinued for future clinical decisions.

**Note:** If a **Discontinue Reason** is not needed, click on the **Details** arrow to close the window.

The screenshot shows a software interface titled "Document Medication by Hx". It features a table with columns for "Order Name", "Status", and "Details". Under "Pending Home Medications", a medication "hydroCODONE-acetaminophen (hydroCODONE-acetaminophen 5 mg-325 mg oral tablet.)" is listed with a status of "Discontinue". Below the table, a "Details" window is open for this medication. This window has tabs for "Details", "Order Comments", and "Diagnoses". The "Details" tab is active and contains two fields highlighted with red boxes: a "Discontinue Reason" dropdown menu and a "Discontinue Reason Comment" text input field. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: "(None)", "Adverse Reaction", "Allergic Reaction", "Cost Prohibitive", "Limited Effectiveness", "Other-See Comments", "Patient Condition Changed", and "Physician Request".