**Nurse Delegation Meeting 02/21/2024**

**Topics and Notes**

**\*\* Please remember that the information shared and discussed in the contract meeting is information as it pertains to the DSHS contracted RNs. It is offered as information for nurse delegation in general however, the information provided should not be considered or solely relied upon as an official position of DSHS. Responses do not constitute legal opinions.**

**ALTSA Community Nurse Delegation Website:** <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/nurse-delegation-program>

**Contact Emails**

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**For detailed information from the meeting, please refer to the PP/handout**.

**FAQ For Acute Hospitals**

Included as an attachment but not published on the site.

**Mentoring:** If you are interested in assisting new RND’s please let us know and what area of the state you work in and email to [nursedelegation@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:nursedelegation@dshs.wa.gov)

**Availability:** Please let us know if you are open for new clients, what area and what tasks you are willing to delegate. We are in need to fill some gaps across the state. [Nursedelegation@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Nursedelegation@dshs.wa.gov)

**Questions & Answers**

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| **Question** | **Answer** |
| What if the delegating RN is not sure if a task is sterile or not what is the recommendation? | If the RN is unsure about the task, please get the prescribing providers order and instruction clarified. |
| What are HIPPA rules for delegation?  Please review both of these sites. | To follow HIPPA rules for communication and documentation please reference:  <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/ffa/keeping-dshs-client-information-private-and-secure>  <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/ffa/policies-and-regulations-governing-dshs-confidential-data> |
| Can the delegator use text for communication with LTCW? | Please follow all HIPPA rules and telehealth guidelines.  Some resources: <https://nursing.wa.gov/support-practicing-nurses/practice-information/registered-nurse>  <https://nursing.wa.gov/support-practicing-nurses/practice-information/nursing-assistant#> |
| How are Trach clients stable and predictable? | From presenter Leslie and PM agrees: This is always the big question.  Anyone we take care of in a community setting has the potential to have a change in status, even if we feel they meet the definition of stable/predictable.  I believe most trach patients are stable/predictable.  Their baseline is trach suctioning, checking for snug ties, maintaining airway moisture, all of which is there stable state.   It would be accurate to predict they will need an unplanned intervention, such as suctioning more frequently at times or changing the ties for excess moisture (always with two people). There could be a time when a trach change is necessary and unplanned, although I don’t think that rises to being in an unstable state.  Trach tubes are subject to needing to change at any time. |
| Is trach suction delegable? | Yes!  It has been this way for a long time, although not delegated much in the pediatric patients—which I’m hoping will to change with the ND model of care.  With quality education on routine and emergency care, we can safely teach people how to suction a trach.  This is not a sterile procedure.  If you know that it’s really people that contaminate tubes, not suction contaminating tubes, this makes sense.   All trach tubes are colonized with warm-loving, dark-loving bacteria (Pseudomonas being one) even though they are changed monthly.  As soon as the trach tube is placed, organisms take up residence.  This is predictable.  Suctioning is a clean procedure with clean gloves and a clean catheter.  Trach tubes contaminate the catheters, not the other way around.  There are more people with a trach than people ready to help at home.  Hopefully the ND group will see the need and use the education in place to help our medically complex citizens. |
| For NAR, what is needed for credentials and training? | The NAR must have an **active** credential, basic core training (certificate or transcript), Nurse Delegation Core training, and if needed for insulin the Special Focus on Diabetes.  RCW 18.88A.210 **Delegation—Basic and specialized nurse delegation training requirements.**  WAC 246-841-405 **Nursing Assistant Delegation**  WAC 246-980-025 **Long-term Care Worker Individuals exempt from obtaining a home care aide certification**  e) An individual employed as a long-term care worker on January 6, 2012, or who was employed as a long-term care worker between January 1, 2011, and January 6, 2012, and who completed all of the training requirements in effect as of the date of hire. This exemption expires if the long-term care worker has not provided care for three consecutive years.  (i) The department may require the exempt long-term care worker who was employed as a long-term care worker between January 1, 2011, and January 6, 2012, to provide proof of that employment. Proof may include a letter or similar documentation from the employer that hired the long-term care worker between January 1, 2011, and January 6, 2012, indicating the first and last day of employment, the job title, a job description, and proof of completing training requirements. Proof of training will also be accepted directly from the approved instructor or training program, if applicable.  DPA for Training Deadlines  <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/ALTSA/rcs/documents/multiple/023-10-13-1.pdf> |
| Referral Form | For authorization of ND service, you must receive a Nurse Delegation Referral Form from the referring CM. You are required to email the first page back to the CM within 2 days of acceptance. Please review the process in LTCM Chapter 13 Nurse Delegation. <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/aging-and-long-term-support-administration-long-term-care-manual>  If you have issues with the referral process, please contact PM at [nursedelegation@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:nursedelegation@dshs.wa.gov) |
| Home Health Agency rate can only be given if you have a licensed Home Health Agency | The information for Home Health Agency licensure is:  <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-335>  <https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/facilities-z/home-health-agencies/license-requirements> |
| Some frequently asked questions | * INR testing cannot be delegated. * SQ injections for weight loss cannot be delegated. * LTCW must have an active credential with DOH. Not a pending or expired. * Email for contract renewal is nursingcontracts@dshs.wa.gov * Nailcare is not a delegated task or a paid Nurse task. * Initial Insulin visits are still weekly supervision for 4 weeks <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-930> |

**Links Page**

**Nurse Delegation Laws and Rules:**

RCW <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.79.260>

WAC <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-910-970>

**Additional resources**:

[https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-700 – 710](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-700)

<https://nursing.wa.gov/support-practicing-nurses/practice-information/registered-nurse>

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/6000//NCAO13.pdf>

**What documentation is required for completion LTCW training:**

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=388-71-0970>

LTCW training and certification deadline: <https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/adsaapps/Professional/MB/HCSMB2023/h23-025%20amended%20basic%20training%20and%20cert%20deadline%20changes%20for%20ltc%20worker%20qualif%20related%20to%20covid-19.docx>

**Other Links to Applicable Rules for Your Information**

**Home and Community Services and Programs**:<https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-71>

**DDA Resources:** <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/policies-and-rules/policy-and-rules>

**Residential Long-Term Care Services Training**:<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=388-112A>

**Adult Family Home**: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=388-76>

**Assisted Living Facility**: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=388-78A>

**GovDelivery Links:**

**DDA:** <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADSHSDDA/subscribers/new>

**ALTSA:** <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADSHSALTSA/subscriber/new?preferences=true#tab1>

**DOH:** <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new?qsp=WADOH_4>

**Billing Tutorial**: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/ALTSA/hcs/documents/ND/P1%20Common%20Billing%20Questions.pdf> *See Tutorial Q&A on RND website under meetings.*