**Topics and Notes**

**Nurse Delegation Meeting 10/18/2022**

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

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**Nurse Delegation Laws and Rules links:**

[**https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.79.260**](https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.79.260)

[**https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-010**](https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-010)

[**http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-910-970**](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-910-970)

**Other links applicable to delegation for your information:**

Home and Community Services and Programs:[**https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-71**](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-71)

Residential Long-Term Care Services Training:[**https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=388-112A**](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**](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**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=388-78A)

**MENTORING:** If you are interested in assisting new RND’s please let us know and what area of the state you work in at [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)

\*If someone other than Janet Wakefield has reached out regarding availability, please also send your availability information to this department.

**Emergency Rules Updates**: Please see the PowerPoint slides

**Skilled Nursing Contract information**: Link to AAA office for contracting information in your area <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/ALTSA/hcs/documents/AAA%20Directory.docx>

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| **Question** | **Answer** |
| Is an HCA, NAC, or NAR credential required prior to completing delegation core and special focus on DM? | Yes, the credential is required.  <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.79.260>  (e) For delegation in community-based care settings or in-home care settings, a registered nurse may delegate nursing care tasks only to registered or certified nursing assistants under chapter [**18.88A**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.88A) RCW or home care aides certified under chapter [**18.88B**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.88B) RCW. |
| Delegation of insulin | 2/22/2022 The Nursing Commission statement: <https://nursing.wa.gov/news/2022/covid-19-pandemic-regulatory-statement-nurse-delegation> |
| Delegation of Continuous Blood Glucose monitoring | CBG monitoring can be delegated in the correct situation for delegation. Here is the information:  <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.79.260>  f) The delegation of nursing care tasks only to registered or certified nursing assistants under chapter [**18.88A**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.88A) RCW or to home care aides certified under chapter [**18.88B**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.88B) RCW may include glucose monitoring and testing. |
| Naloxone and delegation | Naloxone is not a delegated task due to the DOH standing order: <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/Pubs//150-127-StatewideStandingOrderToDispenseNaloxone.pdf> |
| Skin Observation Protocol | <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/ALTSA/hcs/documents/ND/SOP%20Training%20For%20Nurse%20Delegators.pdf> |
| Interpreter Services | This is under review and will be updated when the information is obtained. |
| Consent questions | Consent can be electronically signed. Verbal authorization is OK for 30 days. If you are getting the consent, then it is best to speak to the person giving the consent yourself. It gives you the opportunity to assess the understanding and the situation more comprehensively. |
| Notification of Rescinding | There is not a written time frame for rescinding your clients.  <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-960> |
| ND Credentials and Training Verification | Form <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/forms/word/10-217.docx>  The question was why is there not a spot for the 75 hour training. The HCA and NAC will not receive a credential  If the training is not completed. You do not have to check for the NAC or HCA-C and it is in a separate column. |
| Medication dose ranges | No acts that require nursing judgment shall be delegated. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.79.260>  <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-910> |
| Wound Care Delegation | When an RND is deciding to delegate wound care, you need to remember there shall be no nurse judgment, no sterile dressing, no complex procedure and is the wound stable and predictable. RCW 18.79.260 iii) Delegation of nursing care tasks in community-based care settings and in-home care settings is only allowed for individuals who have a stable and predictable condition. "Stable and predictable condition" means a situation in which the individual's clinical and behavioral status is known and does not require the frequent presence and evaluation of a registered nurse.  <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.79.260>  A skilled nurse contractor can do wound care, injections, foley catheter changes and more. |
| Non-insulin diabetic medication | Non-insulin diabetic medication can be delegated but cannot be for non-FDA approved off label weight loss purposes.  Also see NCQAC advisory opinion - <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/6000/NCAO14.pdf?uid=6303b933e2d56> |

**GovDelivery**: Please see PowerPoint for links to sign up for the latest news and information from the different departments that send information regarding nursing practice and delegation.

**Billing Tutorial**: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/ALTSA/hcs/documents/ND/P1%20Common%20Billing%20Questions.pdf>