**Topics from Nurse Delegation Meeting 12/15/2021**

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| **Question** | **Answer** |
| Do we ever delegate for management of pleural catheters? | If the orders are for Sterile procedure – NOIt is up to your nurse judgment and the situation to decide this. |
| What are the emergency rules right now? | See below. |
| Do you have any recommendations for people having trouble reaching case managers? | Let us know when you are not getting a response back. We can assist with this. |
| Is there a companion video for the new SFOD? | There will not be companion video but there will be links in the training. |
| Is there any chance we can ever get INR testing approved to be delegated? | It has been discussed by DOH nursing commission. |
| Some caregivers have been waiting for over a year for their NAR. What is going on? | You would contact Department of Health for any questions regarding the NAR process. Phone: 360-236-4700 Email: hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov |
| How many CEUs do we get for the Telemedicine course? | 0.75 from the site. We do not need a copy of this and it is for your records. |
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| Is Telehealth training mandatory?  | It is if you are using any form of electronic devices to do your assessing, observation, or task training etc. This is rules per DOH nursing commission which is in your contract to follow the DOH rules set for RN’s. Please review the DOH site. See below also:<https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/NursingCommission/PracticeInformation/FrequentlyAskedQuestions/RegisteredNurse#heading60826><https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/6000/NCAO25.pdf?ver=2021-03-18-092725-800><https://nrtrc.catalog.instructure.com/courses/washington-state-healthcare-professional-telemedicine-training> |

**Links**

Nursing Commission Telehealth Training Requirements: Please read the Nursing Commission website and information. <https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/NursingCommission/News?udt_33417_param_id=107067>

 <https://www.wsha.org/policy-advocacy/issues/telemedicine/washington-state-telemedicine-collaborative/telemedicine-training>

Vaccination Digital Record: <https://waverify.doh.wa.gov/>

Caregiver Training Manuals: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/training/dshs-curriculum-and-materials-available>

 

Temporary Policy Changes for LTCW <https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/adsaapps/Professional/MB/HCSMB2021/h21-091%20emergency%20rules%20impacting%20long%20term%20care%20worker%20training%20and%20certification%20requirements%20and%20deadlines.docx>

Extended rates:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/adsaapps/Professional/MB/HCSMB2021/h21-103%20pandemic%20related%20enhanced%20rates%202022.docx>

Emergency rules:

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| In summary, significant temporary rule changes include: the date is 1/15/2022 but it will be extended until the pandemic is over or informed otherwise.1. Core competencies training (the core basic training) of the seventy-hour long-term care worker basic training waived. Not during pandemic, to be delegated the caregiver must be currently registered or certified as a nursing assistant or home care aide (HCA) in Washington state without restriction.
2. With the emergency rule change, the person must be nursing assistant registered (NAR) AND completed the 9-hour Nurse Delegation Core Training and the 3-hour Special Focus on Diabetes (for insulin admin) to be delegated.
3. Clarification of the credential HCA means the nursing assistant has taken the Prometric test and is certified. During COVID 19 pandemic this level of certification is not required for delegation. Only an NAR is required during this time of COVID 19. Please see The Nurse Delegation Chapter 13, of the Long-Term Care Manual for assisting a caregiver in obtaining the NAR if needed. See below also.
4. Written, verbal or electronic consent is an acceptable format for nurse delegation. The 30-day rule is removed until emergency rules expire.
5. Supervision, documentation, and reevaluation must occur at least every 120 days increased from 90 days until emergency rules expire.
6. With delegation of insulin injections, after initial training on the task that the registered nurse considers appropriate, the registered nurse will assess the competence of the NAR and determine further supervision needs as appropriate until emergency rule expires.
7. Removal of the in-home care setting delegation decision tree per emergency rules was included in the Governor’s proclamation 20-32. There are no changes to the prohibited tasks.

[https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/NursingAssistant/ApplyOnline/NursingAssistantRegistered](https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/NursingAssistant/ApplyOnline/NursingAssistantRegistered%20)  |