Delegation of Nursing Tasks by Registered Professional Nurses to Unlicensed Personnel for Clients with Acute Conditions or in Acute Care Environments

§ 224.6 General Criteria for Delegation:

1. Has the RN assessed the client’s nursing care needs?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Perform assessment

2. Is the task one that a reasonable and prudent nurse would delegate?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Do not delegate

3. Can the task be safely and properly performed by an unlicensed assisted person (UAP)?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Do not delegate

4. Does the task require the UAP to exercise nursing judgement?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Do not delegate

5. Can the UAP be adequately identified?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Do not delegate

6. Has the RN either instructed the UAP or verified the UAP’s competency?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Provide instruction or verify competency

7. If the delegation continues over time, is the RN able to periodically evaluate the delegation?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Do not delegate

8. Is there adequate RN supervision of the UAP based on:
   - A) the stability of the client’s status
   - B) the UAP’s competency
   - C) the nature of the delegated task
   - D) the proximity and availability of the RN to the UAP
   - Yes
   - No
   - Do not delegate

May consider task for delegation

Tasks Commonly Delegated
§ 224.8 (a)

Discretionary Tasks
§ 224.8 (b)

Tasks Prohibited from Delegation
§ 224.8 (c)

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