

WAC 246-335-445 Supervision of home care services. (1) The licensee must employ a supervisor of direct care services;

(2) The supervisor of direct care services must designate in writing a similarly qualified alternate to act in the supervisor's absence;

(3) The licensee shall ensure the supervisor of direct care services and the designated alternate completes a minimum of ten hours of training annually. Training must be documented and maintained in the personnel files. Training may include a combination of topics related to supervisory duties and the delivery of home care services. Examples of appropriate training include, but are not limited to:

(a) Agency sponsored in-services;

(b) Community venues;

(c) Community classes;

(d) Conferences;

(e) Seminars;

(f) Continuing education related to the supervisor's professional credential, if applicable; and

(g) Supervisory responsibilities in the event of a natural disaster, man-made incident, or public health emergency.

(4) The supervisor or designee must be available during all hours of client care;

(5) The supervisor of direct care services must ensure:

(a) Supervision of all client care provided by personnel and volunteers;

(b) Evaluation of services provided by contractors;

(c) Coordination, development, and revision of written client care policies;

(d) Participation in coordination of services when more than one licensee is providing care to the client;

(e) Compliance with the plan of care;

(f) All direct care personnel, contractors, and volunteers observe and recognize changes in the client's condition and needs, and report any changes to the supervisor of direct care services or the designee;

(g) All direct care personnel, contractors, and volunteers initiate emergency procedures according to agency policy;

(h) Each home care agency worker reviews the plan of care and any additional written instructions for the care of each client prior to providing home care services and whenever there is a change in the plan of care; and

(i) Each home care agency worker assists with medications according to agency policy and this chapter.

(6) The supervisor of direct care services must conduct and document client contact by phone or visit every six months to evaluate compliance with the plan of care and to assess client satisfaction with care.

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