

WAC 246-980-130 Provision for delegation of certain tasks to a home care aide.

(1) A home care aide-certified may perform tasks delegated by a registered nurse for patients in community-based care settings or in-home care settings each as defined in RCW 18.79.260 (3) (e).

(2) Before performing any delegated task a home care aide-certified must show the certificate of completion of the core delegation training from the department of social and health services to the registered nurse delegator.

(3) A home care aide-certified who is performing nurse delegation tasks must comply with all applicable requirements of the nursing care quality assurance commission in WAC 246-840-910 through 246-840-970.

(4) A home care aide-certified, who may be performing insulin injections must show a certificate of completion of diabetic training from the department of social and health services to the registered nurse delegator.

(5) A home care aide-certified must meet any additional training requirements identified by the department of social and health services.

(6) For the purposes of this section, delegated nursing care tasks must be performed:

(a) Only for the specific patient for whom those tasks are delegated;

(b) Only with the patient's consent; and

(c) In compliance with all applicable requirements in WAC 246-840-910 through 246-840-970.

(7) A home care aide-certified may consent or refuse to consent to perform a delegated nursing care task. The home care aide-certified is responsible for his or her own actions with the decision to consent or refuse to consent and the performance of the delegated nursing care task.

(8) A home care aide-certified must not accept delegation of, or perform, the following nursing care tasks:

(a) Administration of medication by injection, with the exception of insulin injections;

(b) Sterile procedures;

(c) Central line maintenance;

(d) Acts that require nursing judgment.

(9) A person who is working as a long-term care worker but has not received a home care aide certification must have either an active nursing assistant-certified or an active nursing assistant-registered credential issued by the department and comply with WAC 246-841-405 to perform delegated tasks.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88B.021. WSR 18-20-072, § 246-980-130, filed 9/28/18, effective 10/29/18. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.88B and 18.130 RCW, 2012 c 164, and 2013 c 259. WSR 13-19-087, § 246-980-130, filed 9/18/13, effective 10/19/13.]