

WAC 388-101D-0155 Medical devices. (1) For purposes of this section the term "medical device" means any piece of medical equipment used to treat a client's assessed need.

(2) Use of some medical devices poses a safety risk for clients. Examples of medical devices with known safety risks are transfer poles, helmets, straps and belts on wheelchairs or beds, and bed side rails.

(3) Medical devices with known safety risks must not be used by the service provider:

(a) As a restraint; or

(b) For staff convenience.

(4) Before using medical devices with known safety risks for any client, the service provider must:

(a) Review the client's assessment to identify the client's need;

(b) Identify and implement interventions that might decrease the need for the use of a medical device;

(c) Document the use of less restrictive and less invasive options, successful or not;

(d) Provide the client and client's family or legal representative with information about the anticipated benefits and safety risks of using the device to enable them to make an informed decision about whether or not to use the device;

(e) Obtain a current physician's order that describes the medical necessity for use of the device and the anticipated duration of use; and

(f) Provide written instructions to staff regarding safe and proper use of the device.

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