FREQUENT ASKED QUESTIONS:

✓ WHAT IS NURSE DELEGATION?
Nurse Delegation is a community-residential service where a Registered Nurse teaches a Long Term Care Worker (LTCW) how to complete a nursing task. The Registered Nurse provides consultation to the LTCW’s and ongoing evaluation and assessment of both the client and the LTCW, at minimum of every 90 days.

✓ HOW MUCH DOES DELEGATION COST?
On average, delegation costs less than $700 a year for a Medicaid clients

✓ WHO CAN DELEGATE?
Only RN’s in the state of WA

✓ IS THERE A CERTIFICATION FOR AN RN TO DELEGATE?
No, any RN can delegate. It is within his/her scope of practice as outlined in the Nurse Practice Act (WAC 246-840-910 thru 970)
If delegating to DSHS clients you will need to obtain a contract to be paid for services

✓ WHO DO RN’S DELEGATE TO?
Long Term Care Workers (LTCW) with appropriate training and credentials
  NAR (Nursing Assistant-Registered)
  HCA-C (Home Care Aid-Certified)
  NAC (Nursing Assistant-Certified)
✓ WHAT IS THE LTCW’S REQUIRED TRAINING?

9 hour nurse delegation for nursing assistants
3 hour special focus on diabetes, if delegated insulin
40 hour basic training or required training at time of certification

✓ IS THERE A LIST OF DELEGATABLE TASKS?

No

✓ WHAT ARE THE PROHIBITED TASKS?

Sterile process/procedure
Central or IV maintenance
Injections other than insulin
Nursing judgement

✓ COMMONLY DELEGATED TASKS?

Oral medication administration
Topical medication administration
Eye drops
Ear drops
Rectal medication administration
Tracheal suctioning
In and out catheters
Blood glucose monitoring
Insulin administration
Drawing up insulin
Dressing changes
Tube feedings
Medication via G-Tube
Oxygen administration
Nebulizer treatments
✓ GETTING STARTED

RN’s interested in contracting with DSHS will need to go through all day training to learn rules and laws of delegation (registration at following link: https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/nurse-delegation-program-classes-rns)

Complete contract and core provider agreement with Health Care Authority (ALL provided at training)

Submit business license and insurance information

Receive a contract in app. 2-6 weeks

Case managers will refer client to RN and open authorization in ProviderOne.