

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)

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✓ **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

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✓ **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.