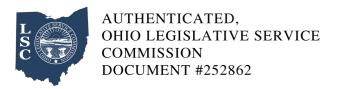


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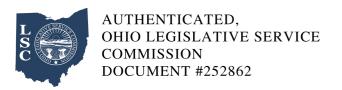
Rule 4723-26-08 Criteria and standards for a registered nurse delegating to a community health worker.

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- (A) A registered nurse may delegate a nursing task to a community health worker if all the conditions for delegation set forth in this chapter are met.
- (B) Prior to delegating a nursing task to a community health worker, the delegating registered nurse shall determine each of the following:
- (1) That the nursing task is within the scope of practice of a registered nurse as set forth in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code;
- (2) That the nursing task is within the knowledge, skill, and ability of the registered nurse delegating the nursing task;
- (3) That the nursing task is within the training, skill, and ability of the community health worker who will be performing the delegated nursing task;
- (4) That appropriate resources and support are available for the performance of the nursing task, and for management of the outcome;
- (5) That adequate and appropriate supervision by the registered nurse of the performance of the nursing task is available in accordance with this rule; and
- (6) That:
- (a) The nursing task requires no judgment based on nursing knowledge and expertise on the party of the community health worker performing the task;
- (b) The results of the nursing task are reasonably predictable;



- (c) The nursing task can be safely performed according to exact, unchanging directions, with no need to alter the standard procedures for performing the task;
- (d) The performance of the nursing task does not require that complex observations or critical decisions be made with respect to the nursing task;
- (e) The nursing task does not require repeated performance of nursing assessments by the delegating registered nurse; and
- (f) The consequences of performing the nursing task improperly are minimal and not life threatening.
- (C) Prior to delegating a nursing task to a community health worker, a registered nurse shall:
- (1) Identify:
- (a) The individual on whom the nursing task may be performed; and
- (b) A specific time frame during which the delegated nursing task may be performed.
- (2) Complete an evaluation of the conditions that relate to the delegation of the nursing task to be performed, including:
- (a) An evaluation of the individual who needs nursing care;
- (b) The types of nursing care the individual requires;
- (c) The complexity and frequency of the nursing care needed;
- (d) The stability of the individual who needs nursing care; and
- (e) A review of the evaluations performed by other licensed health care professionals.
- (D) The delegating registered nurse shall be accountable for the acts of delegation to and supervision



of the community health worker in the performance of the delegated nursing task.

- (E) If a registered nurse determines that a community health worker is not correctly performing a delegated task the registered nurse shall immediately intervene.
- (F) A registered nurse shall not be responsible for the delegation of a nursing task by another licensed health care practitioner to a community health worker.