



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4723-26-09 Supervision of the performance of a nursing task performed by a community health worker.

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(A) When a community health worker is performing a nursing task in accordance with this chapter, supervision shall be provided by a registered nurse. For purposes of this rule, supervision includes initial and ongoing direction, procedural guidance, and observation and evaluation. The registered nurse providing the supervision for a delegated nursing task shall evaluate and document the following on an ongoing basis:

- (1) The degree to which the nursing care needs of the individual are being met;
- (2) The performance by the community health worker of the delegated nursing task;
- (3) The need for further instruction to the community health worker who is performing the nursing task; and
- (4) The need to withdraw the delegation.

(B) For purposes of providing supervision to a community health worker performing a delegated nursing task, the registered nurse must be either:

- (1) Continually accessible to the community health worker in person; or
- (2) Continually available to the community health worker by some form of telecommunication.

(C) In determining the number of community health workers that a registered nurse may supervise, the registered nurse shall consider all of the following:

- (1) A registered nurse may not supervise any more than five community health workers at one given time;



- (2) The number of clients who require nursing care and the health status of those clients;
- (3) The types and numbers of nursing tasks delegated to each community health worker;
- (4) The competency, dependability, and reliability of each community health worker to be supervised;
- (5) The number of different settings in which the community health workers will be providing services and the proximity between these settings and the location of the registered nurse; and
- (6) The availability of emergency aid if the registered nurse is not able to reach, in a timely manner, the setting in which the community health workers are providing services.