

Administrator Alert

Policy updates & rule clarifications for Assisted Living, Residential Care & Nursing Facilities

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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: **Rule Clarification – LPNs as “Resident” Care Managers**

While conducting surveys of Nursing Facilities, the Client Care Monitoring Unit (CCMU) has recognized an increased utilization of Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) in the role of Resident Care Manager (RCM).

The CCMU and Oregon State Board of Nursing have jointly prepared this memo to inform all Nursing Facilities and their licensed nursing staff of the rules and regulations relative to this practice. The following pages contain rule reference and interpretive guidance relative to both facility compliance and individual scope of practice. The issue is not in the title of “Resident” Care Manager, but rather the clinical practice and required duties of RNs and LPNs as dictated by Oregon’s Administrative Rules. We expect that Nursing Facilities will use this rule review when considering the deployment and assigned practice of licensed nurse staff.

