

POLICY:

It is the policy of this program to notify the individual's Case Manager when the individual requires nursing care for eight or more consecutive days or when the individual has been certified by a physician or registered nurse as requiring continuous nursing care. The case manager will also be notified when an individual's medical, behavioral or physical needs cannot be met by the program.

If RN services are provided to individuals in their home:

- A. The program will coordinate with the nurse or nursing service to ensure that the care being provided is sufficient to meet the individual's health needs. This will occur by SOCP coordinating with the RN Manager in their region (Salem or Portland) to ensure Nursing Care Plan is in place, sufficient to meet individual's health needs and is Quality Assuranced monthly by assigned RN. Quality Assurances are to be reviewed and signed off monthly by RN Manager to assure any needed changes, contact with MD's, or other professionals occur.
- B. This program will ensure that the nursing service provided to individuals' in their home is in accordance with standard scope of practice for any licensed practical and registered nurse.

PROCEDURE:

- 1. Notify the Case Manager by phone of an individual's increased care needs as certified by a physician or registered nurse.
- 2. Follow-up the phone call with a written notification that the individual's care needs have increased. Include the actual changes in the individual's medical, psychological or physical needs, the specific nursing care or other needs, and the estimated time of the need will exist.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Jon Cooper, Director