

COMPARISON OF HOME HEALTH NURSING AND LONG-TERM CARE COMMUNITY CARE NURSING IN OREGON

Purpose

Home Health Nursing and the Long-Term Care Community Nursing Program are two programs with two distinct differences. This tool is intended to provide staff with information listing those differences in terms of services provided related to consumer needs.

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Home Health Nursing	Long-Term Care Community Nursing
Physician order required	Physician order not required
Substitutes for skilled facility care	Substitutes for custodial care
Skilled care	Maintenance , chronic care
Short term	Long term
Intermittent service	Ongoing service
Treatment and/or rehab focus	Monitoring focus
Client condition is unstable	Client condition is stable and predictable

Important Considerations

- The factors that determine which is the appropriate nursing service are the condition and needs of the client as described in the above lists.
- Home health service intervention is appropriate for individuals who meet the criteria listed under Home Health Nursing.
- Home health agencies **must** maintain assessment documentation which reflects **justification** for **all** services being provided.
- Home Health Nursing and Long-Term Care Community Nursing **both** may provide assessment, teaching and supervision.
- Home health agency and hospice services are appropriate in APD licensed community-based care facilities (adult foster homes, residential care facilities, and assisted living facilities). None of these care settings provide skilled nursing services for consumers with unstable or changing conditions as would be provided by home health. Assisted living facilities and some residential care facilities provide nursing assessments, teaching and monitoring for stable and predictable residents. APD licensing rules require facilities

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to seek physician intervention and possible home health services if the resident's condition becomes unstable.

- APD provides long-term care community nursing consultation for Medicaid service eligible consumers living in their own homes, adult foster homes, and some residential care facilities. These services do not substitute for, or duplicate, home health nursing benefits.
- Home Health Agencies may have a contract to provide long-term care community nursing services for APD eligible individuals, however, this service is still distinct from the Home Health benefit under Medicaid and Medicare.