NAC 632.046  “Delegable nursing duty” defined. (NRS 632.120)  “Delegable nursing duty” means a duty which is included in the standard policies and procedures of an agency that employs a nurse and which leads to predictable results in the observation and care of patients.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Nursing, eff. 5-9-96)

NAC 632.047  “Delegation” defined. (NRS 632.120)  “Delegation” means entrusting the performance of a delegable nursing duty to a person who is qualified and competent to perform the duty.

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NAC 632.222  Delegation and supervision of nursing care. (NRS 632.120)

1.  A registered nurse may delegate nursing care to other personnel and supervise other personnel in the provision of that care if those persons are qualified to provide that care.

2.  A registered nurse shall perform or supervise any act necessary to ensure the quality and sufficiency of delegated nursing care provided to a patient.

3.  Before delegating the care of a patient, a registered nurse shall consider the following:

(a) The amount of direction required by the person to whom the care is being delegated;

(b) The complexity of the nursing care needed by the patient, recognizing that simple care may be performed by following an established policy while more complex care requires greater knowledge and a higher level of judgment, direction and supervision;

(c) The educational preparation and demonstrated competency of the person to whom the care is delegated; and

(d) The established policies and procedures relating to the care of the patient and the procedures used to communicate to other providers of health care the patient’s symptoms, reactions and progress.

4.  A registered nurse who delegates nursing care or duties relating to that care to other personnel is responsible for the actions taken by those persons in carrying out the duties delegated or assigned.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Nursing, eff. 11-2-87; A by R112-11, 2-15-2012)

NAC 632.224  Supervision of others; duties of chief nurse; determination of authorized scope of practice; verification of competency. (NRS 632.120)

1.  A registered nurse who supervises other persons shall:

(a) Determine the priority of the needs of each patient and group of patients under his or her care;

(b) Provide direction in formulating, interpreting and carrying out the objectives and policies related to nursing care;

(c) Assist those persons who are being supervised to develop the skills needed for their competence in providing for the care of a patient;

(d) Assist the persons who are being supervised in carrying out the planned care of a patient; and

(e) Evaluate the effectiveness of the nursing care given to each patient or group of patients under his or her care.

2.  A registered nurse who is employed as a chief nurse is responsible for the management of other personnel under his or her supervision and shall:

(a) Establish the authorized scope of practice for the personnel he or she supervises and establish and document a process to carry out, maintain and improve the knowledge, skills and ability of those persons to provide safe and effective care.

(b) Before assigning those persons, verify their ability to carry out safely duties which are identified in a written policy and to follow the procedures established by the employing agency.

(c) Establish written guidelines to be followed by personnel under his or her supervision for receiving and administering prescriptions. The guidelines must include procedures for:

(1) Identifying the type of patient to be served;

(2) Identifying the intended medical treatment; and

(3) Resolving any questions related to a prescription, if the prescription is not received directly from an advanced practice registered nurse, a licensed physician, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed dentist or a licensed podiatric physician.

(d) Ensure that the guidelines established pursuant to paragraph (c) are available at each site where nursing care is provided under the supervision of the chief nurse.

(e) Create a safe and effective system for delivery of nursing care which complies with nationally recognized standards.

(f) Maintain a list of the references used to determine the authorized scope of practice for the personnel he or she supervises and make them available to governmental agencies upon request.

3.  If a chief nurse is not assigned to the practice area of a registered nurse, the registered nurse must determine the authorized scope of his or her practice and establish and document verification of his or her competency.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Nursing, eff. 11-2-87; A 11-19-93; 6-21-94; R122-01, 12-17-2001; R112-11, 2-15-2012)

NAC 632.226  Employment as school nurse: Duties; delegation of nursing services; requirements for administering medication to pupils. (NRS 632.120)

1.  A school nurse who is a registered nurse shall direct and provide school nursing services.

2.  In carrying out a plan of nursing care for a pupil with special needs pursuant to NRS 391.292, a school nurse who is a registered nurse may delegate nursing services to a qualified person.

3.  A school nurse may delegate only those duties that the Board has approved. The Board will maintain a list of the duties it has approved for delegation and provide a copy of the list to a school nurse or member of the general public upon request.

4.  A licensed practical nurse who is employed by a school district to provide nursing services in a school may not delegate nursing services or assign duties relating to such services to another person.

5.  A school nurse shall develop safe and effective procedures for the administration of medication to pupils that comply with nationally recognized standards and the laws of this State.

6.  A school nurse may not administer medication to a pupil or delegate that duty to another person unless:

(a) The school nurse has obtained written authorization from the parent or legal guardian of the pupil to administer the medication;

(b) The medication is labeled; and

(c) The school nurse verifies that the medication has been prescribed and dispensed by a person authorized to do so pursuant to chapter 453, 454 or 639 of NRS or the laws of another state or the District of Columbia.

7.  A record of the medication administered to a pupil must be maintained at the school the pupil attends. Each time the school nurse or the person to whom he or she delegated the duty administers medication to the pupil, it must be indicated in the record.

8.  As used in this section:

(a) “Qualified person” means a person who is:

(1) Certified or licensed by this State to provide nursing services to a pupil;

(2) Willing to provide nursing services to a pupil and who the school nurse has determined has the knowledge and skill to provide the nursing services to the pupil in a safe and effective manner; or

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, exempt from the requirement of obtaining a license to practice nursing pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 632.316 and whom the parent or legal guardian of the pupil designates as a person who may provide nursing services to the pupil. A parent or legal guardian may not designate a person who is employed by the school district in which the pupil attends school as a person who may provide nursing services to the pupil.

(b) “School nurse” means a licensee who is qualified as set forth in subsection 2 of NRS 391.291 and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto as a school nurse and who is serving in that capacity.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Nursing by R071-00, eff. 10-20-2000; A by R002-10, 8-13-2010; R112-11, 2-15-2012)

Assignment of Duties

NAC 632.244  Assignment of unauthorized acts prohibited. (NRS 632.120)  A registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse shall not assign to a person the performance of an act that the person is not otherwise authorized by law to perform.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Nursing by R211-97, eff. 9-25-98)

NAC 632.246  Assignment to unauthorized person of duty to administer certain substances prohibited. (NRS 632.120)  A registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse shall not assign the administration of a controlled substance, dangerous drug, poison or device to other personnel unless the person to whom it is assigned is authorized to administer the controlled substance, dangerous drug, poison or device.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Nursing, eff. 11-2-87)

NAC 632.248  Assignment to unlicensed personnel of certain nursing duties prohibited; exception. (NRS 632.120)  Except as otherwise provided in NAC 632.226, unlicensed personnel may not be assigned those duties which require the knowledge and skill of a licensed professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse as described in chapter 632 of NRS.

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