

Comparison of Home Health Nursing and Long-Term Care Community Nursing in Oregon

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Purpose

Home Health Nursing and the Long-Term Care Community Nursing Program are two programs with two distinct differences. Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) is offering this tool to provide staff with information listing those differences in terms of services provided related to individual needs.

Comparison

Home Health Nursing	Long-Term Care Community Nursing
Physician order required	Physician order not required
Substitutes for skilled facility care	Supports custodial care
Skilled care	Maintenance , chronic care

Direct hands-on care with treatment and/or rehabilitation focus	Health promotion focused on: Assessment, teaching, delegation, monitoring and care coordination No direct hands-on care
Short term	Long term
Intermittent services	Ongoing service
Individual condition is unstable	Individual condition is stable and predictable

Considerations

- The factors that determine which is the appropriate nursing service are the condition and needs of the individual as described in the list above.
- 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 may both 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), where skilled nursing services are not otherwise provided. Assisted living facilities and some residential care facilities are equipped to provide nursing assessments, teaching and monitoring for residents whose conditions are stable and predictable. APD licensing rules require facilities to seek physician intervention and consider home health services if the individual's condition becomes unstable.

- APD provides long-term care community nursing (LTCCN) consultation for Medicaid service eligible individuals 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.

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