

## *Licensing and regulations: What is nurse delegation?*

This is a process by which a non-licensed individual may be trained and monitored to provide medication, therapy or treatment which has historically only been offered by a nurse.

Delegation came about as a means of allowing an older adult to live in a less medical setting while receiving nursing care.

Both the non-licensed individual as well as the nurse delegator must complete course work in the process of nurse delegation. In addition, the nurse must witness and document the non-licensed person's ability to complete the delegated task to a satisfactory level of safety and competency on an on-going basis.

Training, monitoring, and documentation of the caregiver's ability to perform the delegated task is required.

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