

Agenda Item 7.6

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Delegation Rules Task Force

Summary of Request:

Consider a request to charge Board Staff with the development of a Delegation Rules Task Force to review Chapter 224 Delegation of Nursing Tasks by Registered Professional Nurses to Unlicensed Personnel for Clients with Acute Conditions or in Acute Care Environments and Chapter 225 RN Delegation to Unlicensed Personnel and Tasks Not Requiring Delegation in Independent Living Environments for Clients with Stable and Predictable Conditions.

Historical Perspective:

During the 82nd Regular Legislative Session, SB 1857 was passed which allows certain Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) programs to utilize UAPs for the administration of medications without RN delegation. The Texas Board of Nursing recognizes that changes in health care delivery continue to influence the way nursing care is delivered in all practice settings. The scope of delegation and the level of supervision by the RN varies depending on the setting, the complexity of the task, the skills and experience of the unlicensed person, and the client's physical and mental status. Both Chapters 224 and 225 were last revised in 2003 and are scheduled for review in October, 2011.

In 1999, the Board designated an ad hoc committee called the Delegation Task Force to review and update the Delegation Rules. Board staff believes this was an effective mechanism to obtain valuable input from stakeholders that utilize delegation in their particular practice settings. Because

of the differences in the two delegation rules, board staff will seek nurses with expertise in the various settings that utilize the delegation rules to serve on the Delegation Task Force.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to charge Board staff with the creation of the Delegation Task Force to review and recommend revisions to each of the delegation rules.