Hardin County Board of Developmental Disabilities
POLICY

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Title: Delegated Nursing		
Regulatory Authority: ORC: Chapter 5123:2-6-05, 06, 07; ORC 4723-13-01-07; DODD Training Manual for Certification of Prescribed Medications and Health-Related Activities		
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Reviewer/Job Title: Program nurse or designee		

DELEGATION OF NURSING TASKS

(A) DELEGATED NURSING

(1) The HCBDD, hereafter referred to as the Board, is committed to assisting individuals with meeting their health care needs. In order to meet those needs, it is the policy of the Board to allow the delegation of nursing tasks, health related activities, and medication administration to appropriately trained and/or Medication Administration (MA) certified Board personnel and providers when done in accordance with rules set forth by the Ohio Administrative Code and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio Board of Nursing.

(2) A registered nurse may delegate to appropriately MA certified Board personnel and provider employees the administration of prescribed medications, performance of health-related activities, or the administration of food or medications via a gastrostomy or jejunostomy tube. Certain nursing tasks, as defined by the Ohio Board of Nursing, may be delegated to appropriately trained Board personnel and provider employees.

(3) Assessment, training, and nursing supervision requirements must be met prior to allowing anyone to perform delegated nursing tasks, health related activities, and/or administering medications. Board employees shall comply with all procedures of the Board delegation policy and rules as set by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio Department of Nursing.

(4) Delegation and supervision of nursing tasks, health related activities, and medication administration shall be done by a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse at the direction of a registered nurse employed or contracted by the Board. The decision of the registered nurse on who may perform a delegated task is final.