



Certified nursing assistants (CNAs) can provide care in the home to children who are medically fragile/technology dependent when they meet certain requirements and provide care within defined limits. The following guidance assures that those involved with the prescription, employment, use, supervision and monitoring of certified nursing assistants have a common understanding of these requirements and limitations.

Requirements

- Certified as a nursing assistant under the requirements of the Illinois Administrative Code, Section 245.40 (Staff and Staff Responsibilities), Section 245.70 (Requirements for State Approved Home Health Aid Training) and the Illinois Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act (225 ILCS 65). Please note limitations under Section 245.40 c)4).
- Over 18 years of age.
- Employed by the University of Illinois Chicago's Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) approved home nursing agency providing Home Care nursing services.
- **Supervised by a registered nurse from the approved agency every 60 days. These supervisory reports are to be sent to the DSCC Care Coordinator every month.**
- Able to read the child's written plan of care and able to communicate by phone with supervisory and emergency personnel.
- Able to follow directions and perform to the satisfaction of the family/child and supervising registered nurse.

Services

- Services will be provided within the scope of practice as defined by the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Care will be provided only when a parent or other designated trained caregiver is in the immediate vicinity.
- Permitted services may include:
 - Personal care and hygiene as recorded in a written plan of care developed by the supervising nurse and family, including oral feeding, bathing, dressing, grooming, oral hygiene and assisting with non-invasive toileting procedures.
 - Assisting with patient mobility, including transfers, two-person lifting, and moving the child and/or equipment on and off vehicles.

- Obtaining vital signs including temperature, pulse, respiration and blood pressure.
- Cleaning equipment in accordance with written procedures.
- Maintaining a clean and safe environment as directed by the family and the supervising nurse.
- Assisting with the client's communication including writing, phoning, assisting with schoolwork and reading.
- Documentation of and response to nonskilled care within CNA scope and in accordance with the POC, report with a trained caregiver and vital signs at the beginning and end of every shift, status every two hours, and equipment cleaning each shift.

Other Requirements

- The employing nursing agency will continue to apply the DSCC Requirements for Nursing Agencies Participating with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Home Care Program; and
- Submitted billing to DSCC will reflect the name of the supervising registered nurse.

Please direct any questions about the contents of this role description to the DSCC Home Care Quality Improvement Team.

Healthcare Worker's Name – Printed

Healthcare Worker's Signature

Date