



When you need a little help to stay at home...

Sunrise Home Care Agency

... is just a phone call away.

Nurse Delegation Services: an Advantage of SHCA!

Nurse delegation allows one of our registered nurses to personally instruct and supervise your home care aide to do a care task that normally you would have to receive in a care facility or by having one of your family members come to your home. In other words, you no longer need a licensed person to do certain tasks for you. Nurse delegation offers you a safety net: the ability to continue with your independence in your own home safely through the registered nurse's instruction and supervision.

For example, the registered nurse can instruct your home care aide exactly how to administer your medications. If you cannot reach an affected area on your back to apply a cream, we can do that for you. Are your hands sometimes too unsteady to put your pills in your mouth? No problem because your home care aide can now do this for you. Another example of medication administration is the placement of patches for pain and nausea control.

We can delegate the testing your blood sugar and give you insulin injections. What a relief this is to those of us who are diabetic and trying to manage our diabetic care at home. No longer do you have to go into a nursing facility to receive this care, nor does your family have to provide this for you. Your family has the comfort of knowing that you will safely receive your insulin while they are busy at work.

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There are many more tasks that can be delegated such as colostomy care, tube feedings and dressing changes. You have the right to receive more complex care in your home instead of having to move into a care facility.

In fact, there is not an official or complete list of delegable tasks available. Why? Because the registered nurse has - by law - the ability to use her or his judgment to work with you to determine what tasks you need to have delegated. The only limitations by law are sterile procedures, nursing judgment tasks or injectable medications other than insulin.

We are professionals. We know the law. We know what training your home care aide needs to be delegated. We know how to hire compassionate registered nurses. We know your rights.

We know we are the right choice for you.