§ 558.281 Client Care Policies

An agency must adopt and enforce a written policy that specifies the agency's client care practices. The written policy must include the following elements if covered under the scope of services provided by the agency:

- (1) initial assessment, reassessment;
- (2) start of care, placing services on hold, transfer, and discharge;
- (3) intravenous services;
- (4) care of the pediatric client;
- (5) triaging clients in the event of disaster;
- (6) how to handle emergencies in the home;
- (7) safety of staff;
- (8) procedures the staff will perform for clients, such as dressing changes, Foley catheter changes, wound irrigation, administration of medication;
- (9) psychiatric nursing procedures;
- (10) patient and caregiver teaching relating to disease process/procedures;
- (11) care planning;
- (12) care of a client who has a terminal illness or a terminal prognosis;
- (13) receiving physician orders;
- (14) performing waived testing;
- (15) medication monitoring; and
- (16) anything else pertaining to client care.

Notes

26 Tex. Admin. Code § 558.281

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