

§ 558.406 Standards for Agencies Providing Psychoactive Services

An agency that provides skilled nursing psychoactive treatments must comply with the requirements of this section.

- (1) An agency must adopt and enforce a written policy relating to the provision of psychoactive treatments consistent with this section.
- (2) Skilled nursing psychoactive treatments must be under the direction of a physician. Psychoactive treatments may only be provided by a physician or an RN .
- (3) An RN providing skilled nursing psychoactive treatments must have one of the following qualifications:
 - (A) a master's degree in psychiatric or mental health nursing;
 - (B) a bachelor's degree in nursing with one year of full-time experience in an active treatment unit in a mental health facility or outpatient clinic;
 - (C) a diploma or associate degree with two years of full-time experience in an active treatment unit in a mental health facility or outpatient clinic; or
 - (D) for an RN for Medicare certified agencies, as allowed by the fiscal intermediary for Texas contracting with the United States Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS) CMS.
- (4) An agency must have written documentation that an RN providing skilled nursing psychoactive treatments is qualified under paragraph (3) of this section.
- (5) The initial health assessment of a client receiving skilled nursing psychoactive treatments must include:
 - (A) mental status including psychological and behavioral status;
 - (B) sensory and motor function;
 - (C) cranial nerve function;
 - (D) language function; and
 - (E) any other criteria established by an agency's policy.

Notes

26 Tex. Admin. Code § 558.406

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