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*§484.80(g) Standard: Home health aide assignments and duties.*

**(1)** Home health aides are assigned to a specific patient by a registered nurse or other appropriate skilled professional, with written patient care instructions for a home health aide prepared by that registered nurse or other appropriate skilled

**professional (that is, physical therapist, speech-language pathologist, or occupational therapist).**

**Interpretive Guidelines §484.80(g)(1)**

The act of assigning a “specific patient” to a HH aide should be an intentional and deliberate decision that takes into consideration the skills of the aide, the availability of the aide for patient care continuity, patient preference (when possible), and other considerations as determined by the patient’s care needs.

Most generally, HH aide services are provided in conjunction with, and as an adjunct to, a skilled nursing service. When both nursing and therapy services are involved, *either skilled professional may assign home health aides and develop written patient care instructions.*