

81077.4 Care for Clients with Incontinence

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the names of facility staff who received the training. (D) The licensee shall ensure that the licensed professional or designee evaluates the effectiveness of the program and staff as the licensed professional or designee deems appropriate, but at least annually. (6) Ensuring that the condition of the skin exposed to urine and stool is evaluated regularly to ensure that skin breakdown is not occurring. (7) Ensuring privacy when care is provided. (8) Providing needed incontinence supplies when the client or a third party is unable to do so. (9) Ensuring that fluids are not withheld to control incontinence. (10) Ensuring that a client with incontinence is not catheterized to control incontinence for the convenience of the licensee or facility staff.

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