

# Comparison of Home Health Nursing and Long-Term Care Community Nursing in Oregon

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## Purpose

Home Health Nursing and the Long-Term Care Community Nursing Program are two programs with two distinct differences. Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) is offering this tool to provide staff with information listing those differences in terms of services provided related to individual needs.

## Comparison

| Home Health Nursing                          | Long-Term Care Community Nursing    |
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| Physician order required                     | Physician order <b>not</b> required |
| Substitutes for <b>skilled</b> facility care | Supports <b>custodial</b> care      |
| <b>Skilled</b> care                          | <b>Maintenance</b> , chronic care   |

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| <b>Direct</b> hands-on care with <b>treatment</b> and/or <b>rehabilitation</b> focus | <b>Health promotion</b> focused by: Assessment, teaching, delegation, monitoring and care coordination |
| <b>Short</b> term  | <b>Long</b> term   |
| <b>Intermittent</b> service  | <b>Ongoing</b> service   |
| Individual condition is <b>unstable</b>  | Individual condition is <b>stable</b> and <b>predictable</b>   |

### Considerations

- The factors that determine which is the appropriate nursing service are the condition and needs of the individual as described in the lists above.
- Home health service intervention is appropriate for individuals who meet the criteria listed under Home Health Nursing.
- Home health agencies **must** maintain assessment documentation which reflects **justification** for **all** services being provided.
- Home Health Nursing and Long-Term Care Community Nursing **both** may provide assessment, teaching and supervision.
- Home health agency and hospice services are appropriate in APD licensed community-based care facilities (adult foster homes, residential care facilities, and assisted living facilities). None of these care settings provide skilled nursing services for individuals with unstable or changing conditions as would be provided by home health. Assisted living facilities and some residential care facilities provide nursing assessments, teaching and monitoring for stable and predictable residents. APD licensing rules require facilities to seek physician intervention and possible home health services if the individual's condition becomes unstable.
- APD provides **long-term care community nursing** consultation for Medicaid service eligible individuals living in their own homes, adult foster homes, and some residential care facilities. These services do not substitute for, or duplicate, home health nursing benefits.

- Home Health Agencies may have a contract to provide long-term care community nursing services for APD eligible individuals, however, this service is still distinct from the Home Health benefit under Medicaid and Medicare.

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