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HOMEMAKER / COMPANIONS

59A-18.005 Registration Policies.

(1) Each nurse registry shall disseminate the following rules and statutes to each applicable independent contractor at the time of registration.

(c) **Homemakers and Companions** shall receive for their use and reference:

1. Rule 59A-18.009, F.A.C., Homemakers or Companions.
2. Sections 400.506, 400.512, 400.484, 400.462, and 400.495, F.S.

59A-18.009 Homemakers or Companions.

(1) The homemaker or companion shall have evidence of training in topics related to human development and interpersonal relationships, nutrition, shopping, food storage, use of equipment and supplies, planning and organizing of household tasks and principles of cleanliness and safety:

(2) The homemaker shall have the following responsibilities:

(a) To maintain the home in the optimum state of cleanliness and safety depending upon the client's and the caregiver's resources;

(b) To perform the functions generally undertaken by the natural homemaker, including such duties as preparation of meals, laundry, and shopping;

(c) To perform casual, cosmetic assistance, such as brushing the client's hair, assisting with make-up, filing and polishing nails, with the exception of clipping nails for diabetic patients;

(d) To stabilize the client when walking, as needed, by holding the client's arm or hand; and

(e) To report any unusual incidents or changes in the patient's or client's behavior to the nurse registry administration and to the caregiver.

(3) The companion shall have the following responsibilities:

(a) To provide companionship for the patient or client;

(b) To provide escort services such as taking the patient or client to the doctor;

(c) To provide light housekeeping tasks such as preparation of a meal or laundering the client's personal garments;

(d) To perform casual, cosmetic assistance, such as brushing the client's hair, assisting with make-up, filing and polishing nails, with the exception of clipping nails for diabetic patients; and

(e) To stabilize the client when walking, as needed, by holding the client's arm or hand; and

(f) To report any unusual incidents or changes in the patient's or client's behavior to the nurse registry administration and to the caregiver.

(4) Each nurse registry shall ensure that homemakers and companions understand the needs of the patients or clients to whom they are referred and are able to recognize those conditions that need to be reported to the nurse registry office.

(5) Homemakers and companions shall be responsible for providing to patient and nurse registry copies of any documentation which reflects the services provided. This will be stored by the nurse registry in the client's file.

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