

**THE ROLE OF THE REGISTERED NURSE...
TITLE 22 REQUIREMENTS
ICF/DD, ICF/DD-H AND ICF/DD-N¹ HEALTH FACILITIES**

RN Role	ICF/DD	ICF/DD-H	ICF/DD-N
RN Authority to Carry Out Nursing Functions	<p>RN has, in writing, administrative authority, responsibility and accountability for nursing services.</p> <p><u>RN has authority to make judgments regarding client health issues, within the scope of the Nurse Practice Act.</u></p> <p><i>76355(b) RN must have knowledge and experience in the field of developmental disabilities.</i></p>	<p>Licensee delegates to RN, in writing, authority to carry out required nursing functions.</p> <p><u>The RN has authority to make judgments regarding client health issues within the scope of the Nurse Practice Act.</u> Section 76878(b)</p>	<p>Licensee delegates to RN, in writing, authority to carry out required nursing functions.</p> <p><u>The RN has authority to make judgments regarding client health issues within the scope of the Nurse Practice Act.</u> Section 73876(d)</p>
RN Oversight	<p>The RN in charge of nursing services is present 8 hours a day, 5 days a week on the day shift, with relief RN coverage 8 hours a day for the remaining two days in the week.</p>	<p>RN employed or via formal contract visits the facility for health services and client health assessment as needed but no less than one hour per client per week.</p> <p>Section 76876(a)</p>	<p>RN employment/contract requirements same as ICF/DD-H Visits the facility for health services and client health assessments as needed but no less than 1.5 hours per week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RN must have one year clinical experience <p>Section 73879(b)</p>

¹ Intermediate Care Facilities/Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD-H), Intermediate Care Facilities/Developmentally Disabled-Habilitative (ICF/DD-H and Intermediate Care Facilities/Developmentally Disabled-Nursing (ICF/DD-N)

Client Teaching	Personal Hygiene, family life, sex ed. Section 76345	Personal Hygiene, family life, sex ed. Section 76875(a)(1)	Personal Hygiene, family life, sex ed. Section 73876(a)(1)
Participation in IDT	Required (unless inappropriate) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pre admit and admission evaluation ▪ Periodic re-evaluation of services ▪ Discharge plan Section 76345(d)(1-5)	Required (unless inappropriate) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pre admit and admission evaluation ▪ Periodic re-evaluation of services ▪ Discharge plan Section 76875(d)(1-5)	Required (unless inappropriate) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pre admit and admission evaluation ▪ Periodic re-evaluation of services ▪ Discharge plan <i>Pre admission evaluation must make recommendations regarding the facility's ability to meet the client's medical/ nursing needs.</i> Section 738756(d)(1-5)
Nursing Services Plan	Written plan for provision of all nursing services – developed and implemented. Section 76345(a)(6)	Written plan for provision of all nursing services – developed and implemented. Section 76875(a)(2)	Written plan for provision of all nursing services – developed and implemented. Section 73877(a)(2)
Evaluation of Nursing Services Plan	Required at least every six months. Section 76345(a)(7)	Required at least every six months. Section 76875(a)(3)	Required at least every six months. Section 73876(a)(3)
Drug Regimen Review	Drug regimen reviewed monthly by RN or Pharmacist at least monthly and prepare appropriate reports. Section 76411(b)	Drug regimen reviewed monthly by RN or Pharmacist at least monthly and prepare appropriate reports. Section 76905(b)	The RN shall review all medication documentation and recordings for compliance with regulatory requirements and acceptable standards no less often than every two weeks. Shall include documentation in the client

			record with specific notation of all noncompliances found and corrective action taken. Section 76876(c)
Medication Administration	<p>Medications administered by licensed nursing staff only. Exception: with direct supervision of licensed nursing or medical personnel unlicensed staff who are trained and competent may administer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medicinal shampoos and baths ▪ Laxative suppositories and enemas ▪ Non-legend topical ointments, creams, lotions when applied to intact skin surface. <p>Section 76347(i)(2)(A-C)</p>	<p>Facility RN designates specific unlicensed direct care staff to administer medications if staff have successfully completed a medication administration program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facility RN may teach the medication administration course. ▪ Facility RN certifies and documents staff proficiency in writing. <p>Section 76876(f)(1), (3):</p>	<p>Facility RN designates specific unlicensed direct care staff to administer medications if staff have successfully completed a medication administration program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facility RN may teach the medication administration course. ▪ Facility RN certifies and documents staff proficiency in writing. ▪ RN verifies staff proficiency initially and annually. <p>Section 73874(d)(3)</p>

R.N. Role...Requirements Specific to Intermediate Care Facilities/Developmentally Disabled – Nursing

Attendant Training Program*	<p>If taught at the ICF/DD-N facility, the training program must be supervised and directed by an RN or Licensed Vocational Nurse. Section 73874(a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The facility is held accountable to ensure that competency is achieved by the attendant in all areas specified in the training program. Section 73874
Assignment of Specialized Procedures*	<p><i>Once the attendant has successfully completed the required attendant training program and competency evaluation he or she can perform specific specialized procedures if the following criteria are met:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The physician must order the specific procedure. Section 73874.1(e)(1) ▪ The facility RN assesses the abilities of the attendant, the complexities of the procedure, stability of the client condition and any other applicable variables. ▪ Prior to performing the procedure, the facility RN trains the attendant to perform the procedure. ▪ Attendant demonstrates proficiency in performing the procedure while under the immediate supervision of the RN. ▪ The attendant is trained to recognize complications which could arise as a result of the procedure while under the immediate supervision of the RN. ▪ The attendant is knowledgeable about how to respond if a complication does arise. Section 73874.1 (e)(2).
Certification of Attendant's Competence	<p>The facility RN certifies in writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The attendant's competence to perform the procedures. ▪ The client for whom the certification is applicable. Copies of the certification are placed in the attendant's training record and the client's record. Section 73874.1(e)(3)
RN Monitoring of Attendant Compliance	<p>The facility RN is responsible for monitoring staff implementation of the procedure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At least every 3 months the facility RN observes and confirms the attendant's proficiency in performing the procedure. ▪ The RN updates the attendant's certification. Section 73874.1(e)(5)

*Attendant Training Programs and Specialized Procedures Protocols must be approved by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). **For information, contact the Community Living Section at (916) 654-1965.**