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SUBJECT: Home Health Aides Administering Medications

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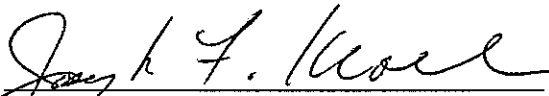
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INTERPRETATION: Certified Home Health Aides may not perform health care tasks which are not included within the home health aide curriculum unless delegated to do so by a registered nurse for a specific patient. The registered nurse must document the aide's competency to perform the task, and periodically re-assess the patient's care plan and the proficiency of the aide's performance of the task. Documentation may be entered in either the patient's chart or the aide's personnel file. Insertion of suppositories, which are considered topical medications, and application of heat and cold packs fall under the category of nursing delegation. Home Health Aides may not administer injections.

DISCUSSION: The Nurse Practice Act provides for a registered nurse to delegate specific tasks to a home health aide for a specific patient.



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