

Examples, FAQs, & Additional Guidance for Kentucky Board of Nursing RN/LPN Scope of Practice Comparison Chart

Managing Nursing Care

Licensed practical nurses may function under direction as direct care providers in a variety of structured practice settings, such as nursing units, specialty units, and respiratory, physical, and occupational therapy areas.

Supervision is provided in accordance with established facility policies, procedures, practices, and channels of communication, which are consistent with the laws governing nursing practice. “Supervision” for the purpose of this statement means the provision of guidance by a qualified nurse for the accomplishment of a nursing task with periodic observation and evaluation of the performance of the task including validation that the task has been performed in a safe manner and according to the established standards of practice.

An RN or LPN may delegate a task to an unlicensed person. The degree of supervision required shall be determined by the RN or LPN after an evaluation of appropriate factors involved, which include:

- The stability and acuity of the patient's condition;
- The training and competency of the delegatee;
- The complexity of the nursing task being delegated; and
- The proximity and availability of the delegator to the delegatee when the nursing task is performed.

➤ **Example:** The LPN delegates assisting a stable patient to the bathroom after determining the individual to whom they are delegating is competent to perform the task and identify parameters for task completion, reporting, and timeline for completing the task.