CHAPTER 3

Registered Nurse Protocol Approvals

I. POLICY

Every nursing protocol shall be approved by designated health care services managers. Institutions with licensed health care programs (i.e., Correctional Treatment Center, Skilled Nursing Facility, General Acute Care Hospital) shall also complete a Licensed Health Care Program Approval for each of the nursing protocols (attached).

II. PROCEDURE

Every nursing protocol requires approval by the Health Care Manager, the Chief of Medical Services, the Pharmacist-in-Charge, and the Director of Nursing Services. Each nursing protocol being authorized for licensed health care programs shall also have a completed Standardized Protocol Approval form. Required information includes the name of the institution, the title of the Protocol, signatures of the following persons and the date signed:

- Standards Compliance Coordinator
- Interdisciplinary Committee representative
- Patient Care Policy Committee representative
- Executive Committee representative
- Institutional local governing body representative

A competency assessment program shall be included in the nursing services programs to validate the skill of nursing staff, at least annually, to verify competency in the nursing protocol(s) approved for use in the institution.

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