

qualified physical therapy assistant or qualified occupational therapy assistant may be furnished under the supervision of a qualified physical or occupational therapist. A physical therapy assistant or occupational therapy assistant performs services planned, delegated, and supervised by the therapist, assists in preparing clinical notes and progress reports, and participates in educating the patient and family, and in in-service programs.

(b) *Standard: Supervision of speech therapy services.* Speech therapy services are furnished only by or under supervision of a qualified speech pathologist or audiologist.

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**§ 484.34 Condition of participation: Medical social services.**

If the agency furnishes medical social services, those services are given by a qualified social worker or by a qualified social work assistant under the supervision of a qualified social worker, and in accordance with the plan of care. The social worker assists the physician and other team members in understanding the significant social and emotional factors related to the health problems, participates in the development of the plan of care, prepares clinical and progress notes, works with the family, uses appropriate community resources, participates in discharge planning and in-service programs, and acts as a consultant to other agency personnel.

**§ 484.36 Condition of participation: Home health aide services.**

Home health aides are selected on the basis of such factors as a sympathetic attitude toward the care of the sick, ability to read, write, and carry out directions, and maturity and ability to deal effectively with the demands of the job. They are closely supervised to ensure their competence in providing care. For home health services furnished (either directly or through arrangements with other organizations) after August 14, 1990, the HHA must use individuals who meet the personnel qualifications specified in § 484.4 for "home health aide".

(a) *Standard: Home health aide training—(1) Content and duration of training.* The aide training program must address each of the following subject areas through classroom and supervised practical training totalling at least 75 hours, with at least 16 hours devoted to supervised practical training. The individual being trained must complete at least 16 hours of classroom training before beginning the supervised practical training.

- (i) Communications skills.
  - (ii) Observation, reporting and documentation of patient status and the care or service furnished.
  - (iii) Reading and recording temperature, pulse, and respiration.
  - (iv) Basic infection control procedures.
  - (v) Basic elements of body functioning and changes in body function that must be reported to an aide's supervisor.
  - (vi) Maintenance of a clean, safe, and healthy environment.
  - (vii) Recognizing emergencies and knowledge of emergency procedures.
  - (viii) The physical, emotional, and developmental needs of and ways to work with the populations served by the HHA, including the need for respect for the patient, his or her privacy and his or her property.
  - (ix) Appropriate and safe techniques in personal hygiene and grooming that include—
    - (A) Bed bath.
    - (B) Sponge, tub, or shower bath.
    - (C) Shampoo, sink, tub, or bed.
    - (D) Nail and skin care.
    - (E) Oral hygiene.
    - (F) Toileting and elimination.
  - (x) Safe transfer techniques and ambulation.
  - (xi) Normal range of motion and positioning.
  - (xii) Adequate nutrition and fluid intake.
  - (xiii) Any other task that the HHA may choose to have the home health aide perform.
- "Supervised practical training" means training in a laboratory or other setting in which the trainee demonstrates knowledge while performing tasks on an individual under the direct supervision of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.