POLICY

High Peaks Hospice (HPH) will provide nursing care in accordance with recognized practice standards and job specific competencies. Services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Services will be provided by or under the direction of hospice registered nurses (RNs) in accordance with the patient/family plan of care, directly under the supervision of the Patient Care Coordinator (PCC) and/or designee.

Under the supervision of the PCC and/or designee, the RN shall ensure that the nursing needs of the patient are met as identified in the patient’s initial assessment, comprehensive assessment, and updated assessments.

Case management will be provided by an RN trained and oriented to the hospice philosophy, and qualified to perform comprehensive physical assessments, plan comprehensive nursing and ancillary staff interventions, perform complex nursing procedures, instruct patients/families/care-givers in the provision of end-of-life care.

The RN is assigned to a specific group of patients and families for the provision of nursing care and to coordinate other services designed in the plan of care.

See Clinical Policy “Nursing Care, CP242” for specific nursing information.

Practice Guidelines:
Hospice Nursing Practice Guidelines 1997 (attached to Clinical Policy: “Professional Nursing Practices” CP254)
Scope and Standards of Hospice & Palliative Nursing Practice, (www.hpna.org/pub)
New York State Nurse Practice Act (www.ncsbn.org/regulation)
Scope and Standards of Home Health Nursing Practice and Nursing: Scope and Standards of Nursing Practice (www.nursingworld.org/publications)
Hospice Code of Ethics: National Hospice Association (www.hpna.org)

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