

RN Assessment (NDP 8)

ABN Regulation 610-X-7-.06 ADMH Residential Community Programs states:

- (3) **The RN is responsible and accountable for the completion of a comprehensive assessment and evaluation of patients' nursing care needs.** The licensed practical nurse (LPN) may initiate and document data elements of the comprehensive assessment. The outcome of the comprehensive assessment determines the tasks that may be safely performed by the unlicensed assistive personnel in residential community mental health settings.

The method used by a RN to make this determination is the performance of a comprehensive assessment as defined by ABN Regulation 610-X-6-.01:

- (2) The systematic collection and analysis of data including the physical, psychological, social, cultural and spiritual aspects of the patient **by the registered nurse** for the purpose of judging a patient's health and illness status and actual or potential health needs. Comprehensive assessment includes **patient history, physical examination, analysis of the data collected, development of the patient plan of care, implementation and evaluation of the plan of care.**

The agency and/or RN may use the form of choice as directed by the agency's policies and procedures to document the required elements of the Comprehensive Assessment. The RN Assessment form NDP 8 was developed to meet the elements required by the ABN regulation. Agencies using electronic health records should include the information required by the Nurse Practice Act.

The ABN regulations governing the Practice of Practical Nursing (LPN Practice), 610-X-6-.05 states:

- (1) (e) The practice of practical nursing includes, but is not limited to conducting and documenting data elements of the comprehensive assessment.

This allows the LPN to **assist** the RN in the completion of the comprehensive assessment. The LPN must sign and date at the noted place on the form (NDP 8). As noted in the definition of Comprehensive Assessment, the RN must analyze the data collected, develop, implement and evaluate the nursing plan of care

The outcome of the RN Assessment determines if the consumer can be safely cared for by a MAC Worker or if the consumer's nursing needs are so complicated that they require skilled nursing services.