

### **216.935 Definitions for KRS 216.935 to 216.939.**

As used in KRS 216.935 to 216.939, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Home health aide" means an individual who is hired to perform home health aide services.
- (2) "Home health agency" means a public agency or private organization, or a subdivision of such an agency or organization which is licensed as a home health agency by the Kentucky Health Facilities and Health Services Certificate of Need and Licensure Board and is certified to participate as a home health agency under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.
- (3) "Home health aide services" means those services provided by a home health aide and supervised by a registered nurse which are directed towards the personal care of the patient. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - (a) Helping the patient with bath and care of mouth, skin, and hair;
  - (b) Helping the patient to the bathroom or in using a bedpan;
  - (c) Helping the patient in and out of bed and assisting with ambulation;
  - (d) Helping the patient with prescribed exercises which the patient and home health aide have been taught by appropriate professional personnel;
  - (e) Assisting with medication ordinarily self-administered that has been specifically ordered by a physician or advanced practice registered nurse;
  - (f) Performing incidental household services as are essential to the patient's health care at home, if these services would have been performed if the patient was in a hospital or skilled nursing facility; and
  - (g) Reporting changes in the patient's condition or family situation to the professional nurse supervisor.
- (4) "Nurse aide" means an individual, including a nursing student, medication aide, and a person employed through a nursing pool, who provides nursing or nursing related services to a resident in a nursing facility or home health agency, excluding:
  - (a) An individual who is a licensed health professional;
  - (b) A volunteer who provides the nursing or nursing-related services without monetary compensation; and
  - (c) A person who is hired by the resident or family to sit with the resident and who does not perform nursing or nursing-related services.

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