10A NCAC 13J .1107 is readopted with changes as published in 31:24 NCR 2442-2448 as follows:

10A NCAC 13J .1107 IN-HOME AIDE SERVICES

(a) If an agency provides in-home aide services, the services shall be provided in accordance with the client's plan of care. The plan of care shall be signed and dated by the [registered nurse] health care practitioner and the client or designee. [A] The client shall have access to a copy of the [signed and dated] in-home aide plan of care [shall be left] in the home. Agencies participating in the Home and Community Care Block Grant or Social Services Block Grant through the Division of Aging and Adult Services shall comply, for those clients, with the in-home aide service level rules contained in 10A NCAC 06A and 10A NCAC 06X which are hereby incorporated by reference with all subsequent amendments. All other agencies providing in-home aide services shall comply with the provisions in Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule.

(b) The plan of care shall contain the level of assistance required by the client for each ADL. If the client's plan of care requires the in-home aide to provide extensive assistance, as defined in Rule .0901(9) of this Subchapter the in-home aide shall be listed on the Nurse Aide Registry pursuant to G.S. 131E-255. However, if the client's plan of care requires the in-home aide to provide only limited assistance as defined in Rule .0901(18) of this Subchapter assistance, the in-home aide is not required to be listed on the Nurse Aide Registry.

(c) In-home aides shall follow instructions for client care written by the health care practitioner required for the services provided. [registered nurse, health care practitioner. In-home aide duties may include the following:

(1) help with prescribed exercises which that the client and in-home aides have been taught by a health care practitioner licensed pursuant to G.S. 90;

(2) provide or assist with personal care (i.e., bathing, care of mouth, skin and hair); ADLs;

(3) assist with ambulation;

(4) assist client with self-administration of medications which that are ordered by a physician or other person authorized by state law to prescribe;

(5) perform incidental household services which IADLs that are essential to the client's care at home; and

(6) record and report changes in the client's condition, family situation, or needs to an appropriate health care practitioner, [registered nurse, health care practitioner.]

(d) For agencies providing in-home aide services, the initial assessment shall be conducted in the client's home by the [registered nurse, health care practitioner. The initial assessment shall include the client's functional status in the areas of social, mental, physical health, environmental, economic, ADLs, and IADLs.

(e) The initial assessment shall be conducted prior to the development of the plan of care and signed and dated by the [registered nurse, health care practitioner.]

(f) Agencies providing in-home aide services shall provide availability of the [registered nurse, health care practitioner] for supervision and consultation.

(g) Agencies participating in the Home and Community Care Block Grant or Social Services Block Grant through the Division of Aging and Adult Services shall comply with the in-home aide service level rules contained in 10A
NCAC 06A and 10A NCAC 06X are hereby incorporated by reference with all subsequent amendments and editions. Copies of these rules may be accessed electronically at http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp?folderName=\Title 10A - Health and Human Services\Chapter 06 - AGING - PROGRAMS OPERATIONS at no cost. [All other agencies providing in-home aide services shall comply with the provisions in Paragraphs (a) through (f) of this Rule.] (h) In order to assure supervision of services provided by in-home aides, geographic service areas for these services shall be limited to the area that includes the county where the agency is located, counties that are contiguous with the county where the agency is located, or within 90 minutes driving time from the site where the agency is located, whichever is greater. Agencies providing services to any client prior to January 1, 2006 who resides in a geographic service area that prior to January 1, 2006 is beyond the counties that are contiguous with the county where the agency is located or greater than 90 minutes driving time from the site where the agency is located, may continue to provide services to the client in these areas until the client is discharged from the agency.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-140;
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