**NURSE DELEGATION:**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR GENERAL NURSING TASK**

General delegated tasks are those tasks that the Nurse identifies as general in nature and once learned can be performed for all resident. The CAREGIVER to whom the task is delegated must demonstrate the ability to perform the task as instructed by the Nurse. By signing this delegation form, the CAREGIVER being delegated agrees to perform the task as taught. The Nurse will review the CAREGIVER performance annually or as needed to assure continued competency in performance of the task.

**General task: MEASURING TEMPERATURE**

**Supplies Needed**

* Digital temporal thermometer
* Alcohol wipes
* Hand sanitizer

**Procedures/Steps to follow to perform the task**

1. Explain the procedure to the resident
2. Assemble the equipment at the bedside or in a convenient work area
3. Assist the resident to a sitting or supping position
4. Remove the digital thermometer from its case, push button once and release
5. Unit will beep twice when ready. Hold to the temple
6. Wait for the next beep, read results
7. Return digital thermometer to carrying case
8. Provide resident comfort measures
9. Wash hands or sanitize hands
10. Document temperature in MAR or vital sign flow sheet

**Outcomes**

Will obtain accurate temperature measurement

**POTENTIAL RISKS/SIDE EFFECTS AND APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO DEAL WITH THEM (INCLUDE WHAT TO OBSERVE FOR AND REPORT, WHAT TO DO, AND WHOM TO CONTACT**)

* Avoid pushing tip of thermometer into resident ear if resident complains of pain or discomfort and notify nurse
* Notify nurse if temperature exceeds the parameters written on MAR