**Licensed NurseCompetency Checklist for Dementia Care**

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| **Skill Area** | | **Evaluation**  **(Check One)** | | **Method of Evaluation**  **(Check One)**  D = Skills Demonstration  O = Performance Observation  W = Written Test  V = Verbal Test | | | | **Verification**  **(Initials/Date)** |
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| **Competency**  **Demonstrated/**  **Meets**  **Standards** | **Needs Additional Training** |
| **D** | **O** | **W** | **V** |
| **Licensed Nurse** | Demonstrate understanding of common disease processes associated with Alzheimer’s Disease and other dementias. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Identify the primary causes of dementia:   * Alzheimer’s disease * Vascular disease * Lewy body disease * Frontotemporal disorders * Parkinson’s disease |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Discuss the definition and significance of delirium. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrate Mental Status Evaluation. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrate understanding of deviations from resident’s baseline mental status. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrate evaluation of medical causes of new or worsening behavioral symptoms. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrate understanding of psychotropic medication management. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrate understanding of non-pharmacologic behavioral interventions, including activities and therapeutic recreation. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrate facility procedure for baseline and comprehensive person-centered care plan. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrate understanding of person-centered care planning. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrate concepts of therapeutic communication with residents with dementia. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Verbalizes oversight and support for CNAs with dementia care |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrate facility documentation standards for behavioral health conditions. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrate accurate completion of MDS 3.0:   * Section C. Cognitive Patterns * Section D. Mood * Section E. Behavior * Section F. Activities * Section G ADLs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrate critical thinking in completion of Care Area Assessments – Psychosocial Well-Being, Mood State, Behavioral Symptoms, Activities, and ADLs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Verbalizes nutrition and hydration considerations for residents with dementia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Verbalizes recognition and management strategies for pain in a resident with dementia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Verbalizes safety and accident prevention strategies for a resident with dementia:   * Falls * Wandering * Elopement * Chemicals and other hazards |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Other (Describe)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**References**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services State Operations Manual, Appendix PP – Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities (Rev. 173, 11-22-17) Advance Copy, 2022: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/appendix-pp-guidance-surveyor-long-term-care-facilities.pdf>

LTC Survey Pathways (Download) CMS-20067 “Dementia Care Critical Element Pathway”

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/provider-enrollment-and-certification/guidanceforlawsandregulations/nursing-homes.html>

**\*I certify that I have received orientation in the above-mentioned areas.**

**\*Employee:**

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**Evaluator/Trainer:**

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