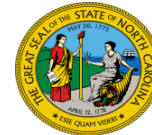


Roadmap for Developing STANDING ORDERS



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1. Identify **NEED**

What patient needs are frequently handled by a nurse and occur routinely with minimal variability?

3. Secure **POLICY**

Does your agency have a policy and procedure supporting the development, approval and review of Standing Orders (SO)?

2. Check **SCOPE**

Is it within the scope of practice for an RN or LPN according to NC Board of Nursing?

4. Define **WHY, WHO, and WHEN**

- What do you want to achieve?
- To whom will this order apply, and who will carry it out?
- Under what conditions will this order be carried out?

5. Outline **COMPONENTS**

- Condition(s)** under which order should be implemented
- Assessment Criteria** (including **Subjective** and **Objective** findings) required to implement order
- Plan of Care** detailing steps to carry out order (Including medical treatment, nursing actions, and follow-up care)
- Notification Criteria** for nurses to consult provider
- Signature** of provider, and
- Date** order is created and reviewed, at least annually

6. **EDUCATE and IMPLEMENT**

- Have nurses been trained and deemed competent to carry out Standing Order?
- Is signed order accessible to nurses who implement order?

7. **REVIEW and UPDATE**

- Is order reviewed by nursing leadership at least annually, and otherwise as needed, for accuracy and validity?
- Is order reviewed, signed and dated by provider at least annually?