

Purpose: The purpose of this document is to give guidance to facilities using an LPN as part of the Crisis Staffing Strike Team through the R3AP Program regarding compliance with Ohio Revised Code 4723.01(F) which says; "The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse" means providing to individuals and groups nursing care requiring the application of basic knowledge of the biological, physical, behavioral, social, and nursing sciences at the direction of a registered nurse or any of the following who is authorized to practice in this state: a physician, physician assistant, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, or chiropractor.

Per Ohio Administrative Code 4723-13-01 (E) "Direction" means communicating a plan of care to a licensed practical nurse. Direction by a registered nurse is not meant to imply the registered nurse is supervising the licensed practical nurse in the employment context.

The facility, when utilizing an LPN through the R3AP Program, must have a written Statement of Direction in place prior to the utilization of the LPN and must provide a copy of the statement to DODD as part of the Day 1 follow up.

Below is an example Statement of Direction, the facility is not required to utilize this statement and may develop their own.

Statement of Direction

As part of the R3AP Crisis Staffing plan for (Name of Facility), an LPN will be part of the Strike Team. (Name of Facility) will ensure that the LPN is provided with direction from (Name of DON, Coordinating RN, Physician Assistant or Physician) while providing nursing services in the facility. The healthcare professional providing direction to the LPN will ensure that the LPN is providing nursing tasks and/or services as outlined in the plan of care, Individual Plan and per physician's orders for the individuals identified below.

Name of Individuals:

Signature of Directing Healthcare Professional

Date