

Table 5 Registered Nurse Contributions to Life Care Plan Recommendations

Care Category	Can Registered Nurse Make Recommendation?
Physician (MD, DO, DC, DDS) Referral to Evaluate/Consult	Within scope of practice
Physician (MD, DO) On-Going Visits	Within scope of using evidence-based practice guidelines or collaborative
Chiropractic Visits	Collaborative
Dentist On-Going Visits and Sedation	Collaborative
Ancillary (Non-physician Professionals) Referrals	Within scope of using evidence-based practice guidelines or collaborative
Ancillary On-Going Visits	Collaborative
Diagnostic Testing	Within scope of using evidence-based practice guidelines or collaborative
Surgery	Outside of scope of practice
Aggressive Interventions (e.g., Invasive Procedures, Specialty Programs)	Within scope of using evidence-based practice guidelines, such as TBI rehabilitation programs, outside of scope of practice
Wheelchairs, Including Features and Accessories	Within scope of practice for standard chairs, collaborative for custom chairs, outside of scope of practice for fitting
Other Mobility Equipment	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Orthotics	Collaborative
Prosthetics	Collaborative
Other Medical Equipment	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Adaptive Aids for Independent Function	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Drugs Requiring Prescription	Within scope of practice for nurses with prescriptive authority, otherwise outside of scope of practice
Over-the-Counter Drugs	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Disposable Supplies	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Home Care Skill Level (to Attend to Person) (i.e., unlicensed aide, licensed nurse)	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Home Care Hours	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Household (housekeeping, yard care, house	Within scope of practice or collaborative

repairs) Services and Hours	
Adapted Transportation (Evaluation, Training, Equipment)	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Alternative Transportation	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Architectural Modification	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Home Furnishings	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Health Maintenance	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Adaptive or Therapeutic Recreation	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Potential Complications	Within scope of practice or collaborative