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WARREN GRANT MAGNUSON CLINICAL CENTER
NURSING & PATIENT CARE SERVICES

Addendum to Policy: Privilege Status for Behavioral Health Patients

Appendix (1) Guidelines for Assigning Privileging Status:

1. Privileging status must address:
 - a. Where the patient may or may not go, e.g: restrict to unit, in building, or Clinical Center grounds.
 - b. Level of accompaniment:
 - ♦ unaccompanied
 - ♦ accompanied by responsible individual, e.g.: nursing/OT/RT staff member, family members or others as assessed by the nursing and medical team.
2. A nurse may implement a more restrictive privilege status based on a change in the patient's clinical status. A medical order is required within 12 hours of the time the nurse has implemented a more restrictive privilege status.
3. To implement a less restrictive privilege status, the nurse will collaborate with the physician and obtain a medical order at the time of implementation of the less restrictive privilege status.