Question of the Week

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Q: For restorative nursing, does it have to be an RN or can an LPN be the restorative nurse in a skilled nursing facility?

A: In checking the Skilled Code at 300.1210(b)(1), and in checking with staff at IDPH, a “licensed nurse” must be in charge of restorative/rehabilitative nursing (designated by the facility’s Director of Nursing) and the Code definition of a “licensed nurse” is either a RN or an LPN. Therefore, either an RN or an LPN can be in charge of restorative nursing.