The Arkansas State Board of Nursing realizes that certain tasks may be delegated to unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) without a nurse assessing the client prior to delegating the task. These tasks are specifically listed in the Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations, Chapter 5, Section C. There are also certain nursing responsibilities, specifically listed in Chapter 5, Section E, which are prohibited from being delegated. This model was developed to assist the nurse in making decisions about whether a specific task may be delegated.

**DELEGATION MODEL**

1. **Nursing Assessment of client’s nursing care needs completed**
   - No → Task must be specifically listed in ASBN Rules & Regulations, Ch. 5, Sec. C in order to delegate
   - Yes → Do Not Delegate

2. **Specific ASBN Rules prohibit Delegation of task**
   - Yes → Do Not Delegate
   - No → Do Not Delegate

3. **Task is within the Nurse’s Scope of Practice**
   - Yes → Do Not Delegate
   - No → Do Not Delegate

4. **Delegating nurse is directly responsible for the client’s care**
   - Yes → Do Not Delegate
   - No → Do Not Delegate

5. **Task is one that a reasonable and prudent nurse would assess to be appropriately delegated in light of client’s condition**
   - Yes → Do Not Delegate
   - No → Do Not Delegate

6. **Task requires nursing judgment, assessment, intervention, evaluation, referral, follow-up or teaching skill**
   - Yes → Do Not Delegate
   - No → Do Not Delegate

7. **Written procedures are available for proper performance of the task**
   - Yes → Do Not Delegate
   - No → Do Not Delegate

8. **UAP is identified with appropriate training and competency documented**
   - Yes → Appropriate supervision is available
   - No → Do Not Delegate

9. **Appropriate supervision is available**
   - Yes → Delegate
   - No → Do Not Delegate

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