What the Nurse will do with Shared Information.

The agency nurse provides assessment, healthcare planning, education, monitoring, and coordination of health-related functions for individuals in services. The agency nurse does not necessarily provide direct care for an individual with acute care needs, but will provide planning and monitoring of the outcomes regarding these needs.

Upon receiving information the nurse will assess the individual using the shared information. Information may be used to monitor identified changes in an individuals’ health status, or may require reassessment and updates when the individual has experienced a significant change in condition.

The Nurse may:

- Provide immediate phone triage when directly contacted by direct support personnel.
- Complete a comprehensive assessment following a significant change in condition.
- Review medication records, approves the use of “as needed” or PRN medication, and monitor the use of “as needed medications” or PRN medications.
- Coordinate with health & other specialty providers, if the nurse determines the individual would benefit from the services of other health care or specialty providers.
- Coordinate with interdisciplinary team members to meet an individuals healthcare needs.
- Develop a Health Care Plan and/or a Medical Emergency Response Plan, using the Nursing Process; Assess (Individual is assessed), Plan (measurable outcomes/goals), Interventions (assessment and monitoring), Evaluate (Document if goals/outcomes were met. Adjust Plan if needed)
- Educate/Train the individual/direct service persons and interdisciplinary team members how to help meet an individuals’ healthcare needs.
- Delegate a specific task of nursing care, based on professional judgment and evaluation of the ability of the unlicensed persons.
- Document all actions taken.

This is not an all inclusive list; information may have other uses by the agency nurse.