

ELDERWOOD ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

• PODIATRIST REQUIREMENTS •

Below are requirements that apply to the attending/consultant Podiatrist providing podiatry services for a resident of this facility. These requirements are based upon the State Health Code, Rules and Regulations and federal Medicaid and Medicare guidelines for residential health care facilities, and policies established by the facility Quality Assessment and Review Committee.

- ASSESS/EVALUATE RESIDENTS REQUIRING PODIATRY SERVICES...throughout the stay of the resident at the facility with appropriate orders.
- PROVIDE ROUTINE/ACUTE FOOT CARE... for residents requiring podiatry services with appropriate orders.
- PROVIDE MECHANICAL, SURGICAL OR ORTHOPEDIC TREATMENT...for resident ailment of the foot and ankle or systemic conditions manifested in the foot or ankle.
- CONFER WITH THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN... regarding extensive treatment regimens, re-constructions or corrective surgical procedures of the foot and ankle.
- IF A PODIATRIST FAILS TO PERFORM REQUIRED SERVICES OR VISITS... the administrator must assign a podiatrist to provide the necessary care requirements for a resident.
- WHEN RECEIVING STAFF TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN VISITS... the podiatrist (or designee) is expected to return the call as appropriate.
- WHEN THE ATTENDING /CONSULTANT PODIATRIST IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE CARE... the facility will arrange timely podiatry as appropriate.