**Section 6000, Specific STAR+PLUS HCBS Program Services**

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**6230 Nursing Services in Assisted Living Facilities**

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Assisted living facilities (ALFs) must have sufficient staff to assist with member medication regimens (Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 26, §553.41). Nursing for this task may be included on the individual service plan (ISP), depending on the member’s needs and the facility type. Licensed nurses who own an ALF or are employed by the facility may directly administer medication to members residing in ALFs, but are not required to do so. In ALFs, delegation of nursing tasks to facility attendants is not allowed by licensure. See [Section 7200](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/sph/section-7000-starplus-hcbs-program-services#7200), Assisted Living Services, [Section 7224](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/sph/section-7000-starplus-hcbs-program-services#7224), Personal Care 3, and [Section 7230](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/sph/section-7000-starplus-hcbs-program-services#7230), Other Services Available to Members.

If, because of licensure, an ALF does not provide nursing services, other facility employees may not deliver services other than personal assistance services (PAS) and administration of medications. If a resident needs additional services that are not available in the ALF, the managed care organization (MCO) must ensure the member’s needs are met. The MCO may do so through contract with a Home and Community Support Services Agency (HCSSA) or an independent health care provider.

PAS provided by the ALF include assistance with feeding, dressing, moving, bathing, or other personal needs or maintenance; or general supervision or oversight of the physical and mental well-being of a person who needs assistance to maintain a private and independent residence in the ALF; or assistance to a member to manage her or his personal life, regardless of whether a guardian has been appointed for the person.