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IHCP provides guidance for home health aide training for gastrostomy and jejunal tube feedings

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) reminds home health agencies that home health aides are permitted to administer gastrostomy or jejunal tube feedings when they have completed the required training. To be eligible to perform these tasks, the home health aide must complete the state-approved curriculum and successfully pass the written competency test.



Additional information regarding the curriculum and testing requirements may be found on the Indiana Department of Health's [Home Health Aide \(HHA\) Registration Program](#) webpage at in.gov/health.

When submitting a prior authorization (PA) request for skilled nursing services related to gastrostomy or jejunal tube feedings, home health agencies should document if they have trained aides available to provide this care. If trained aides are available, they are expected to perform the feedings. If no trained aide is available, skilled nursing may be authorized for this task.

PA requests that do not include confirmation regarding the availability of trained aides may be pended until the information is provided.

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