



# Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

Occupational Therapy and Recreation Therapy Department

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>SUBJECT: PHYSICIAN'S ORDER</b>	<b>Policy No.: 308</b> <b>Revised: March 2022</b> <b>Supersedes: January 2016</b> <b>Page: 1 of 1</b>
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### **PURPOSE**

To ensure that patient treatment is provided under the order and direction of a physician (M.D.).

In addition to an M.D., orders may be received from a Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner, within their approved scope of practice.

### **POLICY**

1. An M.D. order for occupational therapy and recreation therapy must be present prior to the initial contact and ongoing service; when the patient changes Diagnosis-related Group (DRG) status; or when the patient transfers to another service.
2. The treatment plan, and any subsequent major changes in the plan, will be approved by the physician as indicated by his/her signature or electronic signature.

### **PROCEDURE**

1. The therapist is responsible for checking that a written or electronic order, or the physician's approval of a program change, is in the patient's health record before initiating contact or treatment.