Ancillary RNs (CM/CDI) Delegated Abilities to Assist During Census Crisis

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In the event of Surge staffing, there are responsibilities that our Nursing Clinical Care Team could delegate to ancillary RN team members in Case Management and Clinical Documentation Improvement. Please see below. Take into consideration daily routines that can go to every other day or so (example bathing). Basic principles of communication stand, including the use of SBAR communication style in order to handover any of the following responsibilities:

**Delegated patient care to CM and CDI RN:**

1. Bathing  
2. 1:1 Feeding  
3. Mobility – Sitting, Walking, Pivot, etc.  
4. Outputs – I&O  
5. Vital Sign Checks  
6. Floor Stock – Assessment and Restocking of Patient Care Materials  
7. Patient Turns  
8. Toileting  
9. Answering Unit Telephones  
10. Transportation of Patient to and from Testing/Procedural Areas  
11. Responding to Call Lights  
12. Toileting Assistance  
13. Oversight and Review of Other Lab Results  
14. Physician Communication and Order Obtainment  
15. Admission/Discharge Assistance  
16. Patient/Family Education

**Possible reduction of documentations during crisis time:**

Documentation of patient education, care plans, and interventions not required for clinical decision making (e.g., hygiene, turns, etc.).