



**COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING**

**Mangum Regional Medical Center**

TITLE		POLICY	
<b>Prioritization of Patient Treatments</b>		<b>203</b>	
MANUAL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVIEW DATE	
<b>Rehabilitation</b>			
DEPARTMENT	REFERENCE		
<b>Rehabilitation Services</b>			

**SCOPE:** All members of the rehabilitation staff serving at Mangum Regional Medical Center.

**PURPOSE:** To establish Prioritization of Patient Treatment during staffing shortages for Rehabilitation Service Departments

**POLICY:** To ensure proper treatment under unanticipated adverse conditions of staff and equipment.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. In the event there is a significant staff shortage as a result of an unforeseen incident, the department experiencing the shortage may contact area facilities/departments servicing patients under the management of the organization
2. The supervising therapist of the department being contacted will make the determination if that department/discipline can spare staff with required skills/competency to assist with the staff shortage.
3. Supervisor may also contact an on-call contingent (PRN) staff member.
4. In the event there is no additional staff support available, priority treatment shall be given according to patient’s diagnosis and rehabilitation potential in the following order:
  - a. At risk patients, wounds, dysphagia evaluation for high risk of aspiration, falls
  - b. Potential decline in the absence of treatment
  - c. Potential impact on length of stay.
5. Nursing staff and patient will be notified of any change in the patient’s treatment schedule.
6. New outpatients calling for services will be provided with a list of outside facilities available or may choose to be placed on a waiting list for the first available appointment.

**REVISIONS/UPDATES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Brief Description of Revision/Change</b>