Health Care Skills Checklist

Note: This health care checklist can be used to set goals for achieving independence in managing one's own health.

Skill	Performs Independently	Performs Partially	Needs Practice	Plan to start	Skill Accomplished	Comments
Describes chronic illness or disability						
Understand implications of chronic illness/disability on daily life						
Accesses medical records, diagnosis information, etc.						
Prepares and asks questions for doctors, nurses, therapists						
Knows medications and what they're for, or carries information in wallet						
Is responsible for taking own medication						
Is responsible for doing own treatments						
Gets a prescription filled/refilled						
Calls to schedule own medical/dental appointments						
Keeps a calendar of medical appointments						
Knows transportation to medical office						
Knows height/weight, birthdate, or carries information in wallet						
Knows how to use and read thermometers						
Knows health emergency phone numbers, or carries information in wallet						
Knows medical coverage numbers, or carries information in wallet						
Knows about medical insurance coverage						

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Skill	Performs Independently	Performs Partially	Needs Practice	Plan to start	Skill Accomplished	Comments
Obtains sex education						
materials/birth control/family		_	_			
planning information as needed						
Discusses role of general health maintenance						
Has considered genetic counseling if appropriate						
Knows about how drugs/alcohol affect illness/disability						
Makes contact with appropriate community advocacy organizations						
Takes care of own menstrual needs and keeps a record of monthly periods						
Has considered the need for a health advocate						
Has identified a physician for adult care						
Knows how to hire and manage a personal care attendant						

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