290-5-8-.01 Definitions.

Unless a different meaning is required by the context, the following terms as used in these rules and regulations shall have the meaning hereafter respectively ascribed to them; except, however, same do not apply to nursing homes owned or operated by the Federal Government:

(a) A "Nursing Home" is a facility which admits patients on medical referral only and for whom arrangements have been made for continuous medical supervision; it maintains the services and facilities for skilled nursing care, rehabilitative nursing care, and has a satisfactory agreement with a physician and dentist who will be available for any medical and/or dental emergency and who will be responsible for the general medical and dental supervision of the home; it otherwise complies with these rules and regulations;

(l) "Dentist" means any person who is licensed to practice in this State under the provisions of the Dentists and Dental Hygienists Act;

29-05-8-.05 Professional Service.

(1) There shall be an organized professional staff, with one physician designated as chief of staff. The professional staff shall consist of at least one physician, one dentist and one registered nurse. Other professional personnel such as the dietitian, social worker, physical therapist, pharmacist, etc. may be included on the professional staff. This organization shall function under appropriate bylaws and shall meet at regularly scheduled intervals not less than semiannually. It shall be the responsibility of this staff to develop and review patient care policies and to advise administration on matters pertaining to patient care. The minutes of the meetings of this staff shall be available for inspection by the Department.


290-5-8-.06 Dietary Service.

(5) Modified diets shall be provided in accordance with written orders of a physician or dentist. An approved diet manual shall be readily available to food service personnel.

290-5-8-.10 Medical, Dental and Nursing Care.

(3) Each home shall have an adequate arrangement for medical and dental emergencies.

290-5-8-.12 Equipment.

(6) Each patient shall be provided adequate supplies and equipment for proper oral hygiene including a toothbrush or a denture brush and denture receptacle when needed.

290-5-8-.23 New Construction.

(1) General Requirements:

(a) A program narrative and all plans and specifications for construction, including additions, alterations and renovations, shall be approved by the Department prior to commencing work on the building;

(b) The program narrative shall be submitted prior to or along with the schematic or initial plans for construction. The program narrative should include the following:

5. Arrangements for medical and dental care, e.g., physicians on contract and agreements with hospital for patient referral;