19-13-D8T. CHRONIC AND CONVALESCENT NURSING HOMES AND REST HOMES WITH NURSING SUPERVISION

...(h) Medical director.

(1) The medical director shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in Connecticut and shall serve on the facility’s active organized medical staff, shall have at least one year of prior clinical experience in adult medicine and shall be a member of the active medical staff of a general hospital licensed in Connecticut. (2) The medical director shall have the following powers and responsibilities: (A) Enforce the facility’s by-laws governing medical care;

(B) Assure that quality medical care is provided in the facility;

(C) Serve as a liaison between the medical staff and administration;

(D) Approve or disapprove a patient’s admission based on the facility's ability to provide adequate care for that individual in accordance with the facility's by-laws. The medical director shall have the authority to review any patient’s record or examine any patient prior to admission for such purpose;

(E) Assure that each patient in the facility has an assigned personal physician;

(F) Provide or arrange for the provision of necessary medical care to the patient if the individual's personal physician is unable or unwilling to do so;

(G) Approve or deny applications for membership on the facility's active organized staff in accordance with subsection(i) (2) of these regulations;

(H) In accordance with the facility’s by-laws, suspend or terminate the facility privileges of a medical staff member if that member is unable or unwilling to adequately care for a patient in accordance with standards set by any applicable local and state statutes and regulations, any federal regulations that may apply to a federal program in which the facility participates or facility by-laws;

(I) Visit the facility between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. to assess the adequacy of medical care provided in the facility.

(i) A medical director of a chronic and convalescent nursing home shall visit the facility at least once every 7 days for such purpose.

(ii) A medical director of a rest home with nursing supervision shall visit the facility at least once every 30 days for such purpose;

(J) Receive reports from the director of nurses on significant clinical developments;
(K) Recommend to the administrator any purchases of medical equipment and/or services necessary to assure adequate patient care;

(L) Assist in the development of and participate in a staff orientation and training program in cooperation with the administrator and the director of nurses, as required by subsection (f) (3) (j) of these regulations.

(3) A record shall be kept by the facility of the medical director's visits and statements for review by the department. Such record shall minimally include the date of visit, the names of the patients audited by the medical director, and a summary of problems discussed with the staff.

(i) Medical staff.

(2) The medical director shall approve or deny applications for membership on the active organized medical staff after consultation with the existing active organized medical staff, if any, and subject to the ratification of the governing body.

(3) All appointments shall be made in writing and shall delineate the physician's duties and responsibilities. The letter of appointment shall be signed by the medical director and the applicant.

(4) Requirements for active organized medical staff members.

(C) The active organized medical staff shall adopt written by-laws governing the medical care of the facility's patients. Such by-laws shall be approved by the medical director and the governing body. The by-laws shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

...(iii) criteria by which the medical director shall decide the admission or denial of admission of a patient based on the facility's ability to provide care;

(iv) standards for the medical director to grant or deny privileges and to discipline or suspend the privileges of members of the medical staff, including assurance of a due process of appeal in the event of such actions;

(viii) standards to assure that, in the event of the medical director's absence, inability to act, or vacancy of the medical director's office, another physician on the facility's active organized medical staff is temporarily appointed to serve in that capacity...