SUBCHAPTER 23. MANDATORY MEDICAL SERVICES

8:39-23.1 Mandatory structural organization for medical services

(a) Each facility shall have a medical director who is currently licensed to practice medicine by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners.

1. The medical director shall coordinate medical care and direct the administrative aspects of medical care in the facility.

2. The medical director shall approve all medical care policies and procedures. These policies and procedures shall be followed.

3. The medical director shall participate in the facility’s quality assurance program through attendance at meetings, or interviews, and/or preparation or review of reports.

4. The medical director shall be an active participant on the facility’s infection control committee, pharmacy and therapeutics committee, and a committee that is responsible for developing policies and procedures for resident care.

5. The medical director shall ensure that for each resident there is a designated primary and an alternate physician who can be contacted when necessary.

6. The medical director shall review all reports of incidents that have been documented in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:39-9.4(e)4.

7. The medical director, or physicians designated by the medical director, shall respond quickly and effectively to medical emergencies that are not handled by another attending physician, including inpatient admissions.

(b) In facilities providing pediatric care services, the medical director/attending physician shall be board certified, or eligible to be board certified, by the American Board of Pediatrics or American Board of Family Practice.

(c) Facilities with fewer than 60 beds may develop an alternate system of medical direction, if the facility can document that medical staff perform the requirements at (a)1 through 4 above.

SUBCHAPTER 24. ADVISORY MEDICAL SERVICES 8:39-24.1 ADVISORY MEDICAL STAFF QUALIFICATIONS.
The medical director is board-certified in a primary care specialty, such as family medicine, gerontology, or general internal medicine.