3701-17-13 Medical supervision.

(A) Each nursing home operator shall arrange for the services of a physician to serve as the home's medical director; the medical director shall:

(1) In collaboration with the administrator, the nursing director, and other health professionals, develop formal resident care policies for the nursing home that:

(a) Provide for the total medical and psycho-social needs of the resident, including admissions, transfer, discharge planning, range of services available to the resident, emergency procedures and frequency of physician visits in accordance with resident needs and the applicable requirements of Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code and of rules 3701-17-01 to 3701-17-26 of the Administrative Code.

(b) Promote resident rights as enumerated in section 3721.13 of the Revised Code.

(2) Make available medical care for residents not under the care of their own physicians and to make available emergency medical care to all residents, provided their personal physicians are not readily available.

(3) Meet periodically with nursing and other professional staff to discuss clinical and administrative issues, including the need for additional staff, specific resident care problems and professional staff needs for education or consultants to assist in meeting special needs such as dentistry, podiatry, dermatology, and orthopedics, offer solutions to problems, and identify areas where policy should be developed. In carrying out this function, the medical director shall:

(a) Observe residents and facilities at least quarterly or more frequently as needed; and (b) Review pharmacy reports, at least quarterly, including summaries of drug regimen reviews required by paragraph (H) of rule 3701-17-17 of the Administrative Code and the quality assurance activities required by paragraph (D) of rule 3701-17-06 of the Administrative Code, and take appropriate and timely action as needed to implement recommendations.

(4) Monitor the clinical practices of, and discuss identified problems with, attending physicians; act as a liaison between the attending physicians and other health professionals caring for residents and the residents’ families; and intervene as needed on behalf of residents or the home’s administration.

(5) Maintain surveillance of the health of the nursing home’s staff.
(6) Assist the administrator and professional staff in ensuring a safe and sanitary environment for residents and staff by reviewing incidents and accidents, identifying hazards to health and safety, and advising about possible correction or improvement of the environment.