19-13-D8t. Chronic and convalescent nursing homes and rest homes with nursing supervision

...(j) Director of nurses.

(1) Qualifications.
(A) For a chronic and convalescent nursing home, the director of nurses, or any person acting in such capacity, shall be a nurse registered in Connecticut with at least one (1) year of additional education or experience in rehabilitative or geriatric nursing and one (1) year of nursing service administration.
(2) The director of nurses shall be responsible for the supervision, provision, and quality of nursing care in the facility. The director of nurses' powers and duties shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

(A) development and maintenance of written nursing service standards of practice, to be ratified by the governing body; including but not necessarily limited to:
   (i) definition of routine nursing care to be rendered by licensed nursing personnel, and determination of when more than routine care is needed; and
   (ii) definition of routine care to be rendered by nurse's aides, and determination of when more than routine care is needed;
(B) coordination and integration of nursing services with other patient care services through periodic meetings or written reports;
(C) development of written job descriptions for nurses and nurse's aides;
(D) development and annual review of nursing service procedures;
(E) coordination and direction of the total planning for nursing services, including recommending to the administrator the number and levels of nurses and nurse's aides to be employed;
(F) selection, with the administrator's approval, of all nurses and nurse's aides;
(G) appointment of nurse supervisors as required by subsection (k) of section 19-13-D8t of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;
(H) designation of a nurse in charge of each unit for all shifts;
(I) development of a schedule of daily rounds and assignment of duties for all nurses and nurse's aides to assure twenty-four (24) hour coverage sufficient to meet state regulatory requirements;
(J) assistance in the development of and participation in a staff orientation and training program, in cooperation with the administrator and medical director, as required by subsection (f) (3) (J) of section 19-13-D8t of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(K) ensuring yearly written evaluation of nurses and nurse's aides;

(L) reporting significant clinical developments to the patient's personal physician and to the medical director; and

(M) appointment, with the approval of the administrator, of a nurse employed at the facility to act in the director's behalf in temporary absences.

(3) The director of nurses shall serve full-time and shall serve his/her entire shift between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

(4) An assistant director of nurses shall be appointed in any facility of one hundred and twenty (120) beds or more.

(k) Nurse supervisor. A nurse supervisor shall be a nurse registered in Connecticut. The responsibilities of the nurse supervisor shall include:

(1) Supervision of nursing activities during his/her tour of duty;

(2) Notification of a patient's personal physician if there is a significant change in the condition of the patient or if the patient requires immediate medical care, or notification of the medical director if the patient's personal physician does not respond promptly.

(m) Nursing staff:

(1) Each facility shall employ sufficient nurses and nurse's aides to provide appropriate care of patients housed in the facility 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

(2) The number, qualifications, and experience of such personnel shall be sufficient to assure that each patient:

(A) receives treatment, therapies, medications and nourishments as prescribed in the patient care plan developed pursuant to subsection (o) (2) (I) of these regulations;
(B) is kept clean, comfortable and well groomed;
(C) is protected from accident, incident, infection, or other unusual occurrence.

(3) The facility's administrator and director of nurses shall meet at least once every 30 days in order to determine the number, experience and qualifications of staff necessary to comply with this section. The facility shall maintain written and signed summaries of actions taken and reasons therefore.

(4) There shall be at least one registered nurse on duty 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

(A) In a chronic and convalescent nursing home, there shall be at least one licensed nurse on duty on each patient occupied floor at all times.
(5) In no instance shall a chronic and convalescent nursing home have staff below the following standards:

(A) Licensed nursing personnel:
   7 a.m. to 9 p.m.: .47 hours per patient
   9 p.m. to 7 a.m.: .17 hours per patient

(B) Total nursing and nurse's aide personnel:
   7 a.m. to 9 p.m.: 1.40 hours per patient
   9 p.m. to 7 a.m.: .50 hours per patient

... (7) In facilities of 61 beds or more, the director of nurses shall not be included in satisfying the requirements of subdivisions (5) and (6) of this subsection.

(8) In facilities of 121 beds or more, the assistant director of nurses shall not be included in satisfying the requirements of subdivisions (5) and (6) of this subsection.