10A NCAC 13D .2302 NURSING SERVICES

(a) The facility shall designate a registered nurse to serve as the director of nursing on a full-time basis.

(b) The director of nursing shall be responsible for the administering of nursing services.

(c) The director of nursing may serve also as nurse-in-charge, only if the average daily occupancy is less than 60.

(d) The director of nursing shall not serve as administrator, assistant administrator or acting administrator during an employment vacancy in the administrator position.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-104;


10A NCAC 13D .2303 NURSE STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

(a) The facility shall provide licensed nursing personnel consistent with applicable occupational regulations and sufficient to accomplish the following:

(1) patient needs assessment;

(2) patient care planning; and

(3) supervisory functions in accordance with the levels of patient care advertised or offered by the facility.

(b) The facility shall provide other nursing personnel sufficient to ensure that activities of daily living, personal care, delegated restorative nursing tasks and other health care needs, as identified in each patient’s plan of care, are met.

(c) A multi-storied facility shall have at least one direct-care staff member on duty on each patient care floor at all times.

(d) Except for designated units with higher staffing requirements noted elsewhere in this Subchapter, daily direct patient care nursing staff, licensed and unlicensed, shall equal or exceed 2.1 nursing hours per patient per day. (This is sometimes referred to as nursing hours per patient day or NHPPD or NH/PD.)
(1) Inclusive in these nursing hours is the requirement that at least one licensed nurse is on duty for direct patient care at all times.

(2) Nursing care shall include the services of a registered nurse for at least eight consecutive hours a day, seven days a week. This coverage can be spread over more than one shift if such a need exists. The director of nursing may be counted as meeting the requirements for both the director of nursing and patient staffing for facilities with a total census of 60 nursing beds or less.

(3) Nursing support personnel, including ward clerks, secretaries, nurse educators and persons in primarily administrative management positions and not actively involved in direct patient care, shall not be counted toward compliance with minimum daily requirements for direct care staffing.

(e) An exception to meeting the minimum staffing requirements shall be reported to the Department at the end of each month. Staffing waivers granted by the federal government for Medicare and Medicaid certified beds shall be accepted for licensure purposes.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-104;