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415.13 Nursing services. The facility shall have sufficient nursing staff to provide nursing and related services to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each resident, as determined by resident assessments and individual plans of care. The facility shall assure that each resident receives treatments, medications, diets and other health services in accordance with individual care plans.

(a) Sufficient staff.

(1) The facility shall provide services by sufficient numbers of each of the following types of personnel on a 24-hour basis to provide nursing care to all residents in accordance with resident care plans:

(i) registered professional nurses or licensed practical nurses;

(ii) certified nurse aides; and

(iii) other nursing personnel.

(2) The facility shall designate a registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse to serve as a charge nurse on each tour of duty who is responsible for the supervision of total nursing activities in the facility. Alternatively, as necessitated by resident care needs, the facility may designate one charge nurse for each tour of duty on each resident care unit or on proximate nursing care units in the facility provided that each nursing care unit in the facility is under the supervision of a charge nurse.

(b) Registered professional nurse.

(1) The facility shall use the services of a registered professional nurse for at least 8 consecutive hours a day, 7 days a week.

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

(3) The director of nursing may serve as a charge nurse only when the facility has an average daily occupancy of 60 or fewer residents.