200. NURSING SERVICES.

02. Minimum Staffing Requirements. (7-1-93)

c. A charge nurse, a registered professional nurse currently licensed by the state of Idaho or a licensed practical nurse currently licensed by the state of Idaho and who meets the requirements designated by the Idaho Board of Nursing to assume responsibilities as a charge nurse in accordance with the definition in Subsection 002.07. A charge nurse shall be on duty as follows: (12-31-91)

i. In SNFs with an average occupancy rate of fifty-nine (59) patients/residents or less a registered professional nurse shall be on duty eight (8) hours of each day and no less than a licensed practical nurse shall be on duty for each of the other two (2) shifts. (1-1-88)

ii. In SNFs with an average occupancy rate of sixty (60) to eighty-nine (89) patients/residents a registered professional nurse shall be on duty for each a.m. shift (approximately 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) and p.m. shift (approximately 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.) and no less than a licensed practical nurse on the night shift. (1-1-88)

iii. In SNFs with an average occupancy rate of ninety (90) or more patients/residents a registered professional nurse shall be on duty at all times. (1-1-88)

iv. In facilities licensed exclusively as an ICF and accepting only intermediate care patients/residents a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse shall be on duty at all times as charge nurse. (1-1-88)

v. In those facilities authorized to utilize a licensed practical nurse as charge nurse, the facility must make documented arrangements for a registered professional nurse to be on call for these shifts to provide professional nursing support. (1-1-88)

vi. Facilities licensed for both skilled and intermediate care shall meet the charge nurse requirements for a SNF. (1-1-88)

d. Nursing hours per patient/resident per day shall be provided to meet the total needs of the patients/residents. The minimum staffing shall be as follows: (1-1-88)

i. Skilled Nursing Facilities with a census of fifty-nine (59) or less patients/residents shall provide two and four-tenths (2.4) hours per patient/resident per day. Hours shall not include the Director of Nursing Services but the supervising nurse on each shift may be counted in the calculations of the two and four-tenths (2.4) hours per patient/resident per day. (11-20-89)
ii. Skilled Nursing Facilities with a census of sixty (60) or more patients/residents shall provide two and four-tenths (2.4) hours per patient/resident per day. Hours shall not include the Director of Nursing Services or supervising nurse. (11-20-89)

iii. ICFs that admit only intermediate care patients/residents shall provide one and eight-tenths (1.8) hours per patient/resident per day. Hours may include the Director of Nursing Services, supervising nurse and charge nurses. (11-20-89)

iv. Nursing hours per patient/resident per day are required seven (7) days a week with provision for relief personnel. (11-20-89)

v. Skilled and Intermediate Nursing Facilities shall be considered in compliance with the minimum staffing ratios if, on Monday of each week, the total hours worked by nursing personnel for the previous seven (7) days equal or exceed the minimum, staffing ratio for the same period when averaged on a daily basis and the facility has received prior approval from the Licensing Agency to calculate nursing hours in this manner. (11-20-89)