SECTION 9. NURSING SERVICES.

(f) Administration of Drugs. Drugs shall be administered in compliance with federal and state laws, and in accordance with accepted professional principles.

(i) Drugs shall be administered only by licensed nursing personnel in accordance with the Wyoming Nurse Practice Act.

(ii) Drugs prescribed for one (1) resident shall not be administered to any other resident.

(iii) Current information on the clinical use of drugs shall be readily available at the nurses’ station.

(iv) Drugs shall be released to residents upon discharge for temporary outside visits. A notation of such drugs taken with the resident shall be entered in the resident’s clinical record.

(g) Storage of Drugs and Biologicals. Drugs and biologicals shall be stored in locked rooms, cabinets, or carts. Procedures for storing and disposing of medications at the nurses’ station shall be established in consultation with the pharmacist.

(i) Drugs for external use and poisons shall be kept separate from other medications and under lock.

(ii) Antiseptics, disinfectants, and germicides shall be issued in containers that bear clear, legible, distinctive labels that identify the contents, strength and shall include instructions for use.

(iii) The refrigerator in which drugs and biologicals are stored shall not be accessible to residents, shall be used only for the storage of drugs and biologicals, and shall be in a locked refrigerator or a locked box in a refrigerator or in a protected area. The refrigerator shall be maintained at the proper temperature.

(iv) An emergency medical kit approved by the Pharmaceutical Committee shall be readily available.

SECTION 13. PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES.
The Nursing Care Facility shall provide appropriate methods and procedures for the dispensing and administering of drugs and biologicals. Whether drugs and biologicals are obtained from community pharmacists or stocked by the facility, the facility shall be responsible for providing such drugs and biologicals for its residents and for ensuring that pharmaceutical services are provided in accordance with acceptable professional principles and appropriate federal, state and local laws.

(a) Supervision of Services. The pharmaceutical services shall be under the general supervision of a licensed pharmacist.

(i) The pharmacist, if not a full-time employee, shall devote a sufficient number of hours, based upon the needs of the facility, during regularly scheduled visits to carry out his/her responsibilities.

(b) Pharmaceutical Services Committee.

(i) Pharmaceutical Services committee or its equivalent shall be responsible for developing policies and procedures for safe and effective drug therapy, distribution, control and use.

(A) The committee shall be comprised of at least the pharmacist, the director of nursing service, the administrator and one (1) physician.

(B) The committee shall oversee the pharmaceutical service in the facility, make recommendations for improvement and monitor the service to ensure accuracy and adequacy.

(C) The committee shall meet at least quarterly and document its activities, findings and recommendations.

(ii) The pharmacist shall submit a written report at least quarterly to the pharmaceutical services committee on the status of the facility’s pharmaceutical services and staff performance.