PART 6 - MEDICAL CARE SERVICES.

6.1 PHYSICIAN CARE. Each facility resident shall be admitted to the facility by a physician and have the benefit of continuing health care under supervision of a physician. The facility shall have written policies developed by the medical advisor to coordinate and designate responsibility when more than one physician is treating a resident. [See Part 26 exceptions]

6.1.1 The facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that upon admission, the physician provides to the facility sufficient information to validate the admission and identify the resident and a medical plan of therapy to include diet, medications, treatments, special procedures, activities, specialized rehabilitative services, if applicable, and potential for discharge.

6.1.2 The facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that the admitting physician provides to the facility on admission the anticipated schedule of visits to meet resident needs, which shall be no less often than every 6 months. Acknowledgements of the visit schedule by the resident or authorized representative shall be documented in the health record.

6.1.3 The facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that telephone orders are received by a physician, licensed nurse or other appropriate disciplines as authorized by their professional licensure and are countersigned by the attending physician or dentist and entered in the record within 2 weeks.

6.1.4 The facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that the attending physician authenticates medical histories and physical examinations completed by other authorized personnel.

...6.1.6 The facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that the attending physician writes a progress note following each visit, and at least once per year provides a written evaluation of the resident’s current medical status compared to the previous year’s status.

6.1.7 The facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that all drugs and therapies ordered by the physician are supported by diagnoses indicating the use of those drugs and therapies.

PART 13 - EMERGENCY SERVICES

13.1 EMERGENCY CARE POLICIES. The facility shall have and follow written policies for the care of residents in an emergency available for staff use, including: 1) arrangements for necessary medical care when a resident’s physician is unavailable (developed by persons described in Section 6.2)...