Section 11. Physician Services [nursing facilities]. A physician shall personally approve a recommendation that an individual be admitted to a facility. Each resident shall remain under the care of a physician.

(1) Physician supervision. The facility shall ensure that:

(a) The medical care of each resident is supervised by a physician; and

(b) Another physician supervises the medical care of residents when their attending physician is unavailable.

(2) Physician visits. The physician shall:

(a) Review the resident’s total program of care, including medications and treatments, at each visit required by subsection (3) of this section;

(b) Write, sign and date progress notes at each visit; and

(c) Sign all orders.

(3) Frequency of physician visits. The resident shall be seen by a physician at least once every thirty (30) days for the first ninety (90) days after initial admission, and at least once every ninety (90) days thereafter.

(a) A physician visit is considered timely if it occurs not later than ten (10) days after the date the visit was required.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, all required physician visits shall be made by the physician personally.

(c) At the option of the physician, required visits after the initial visit may alternate between personal visits by the physician and visits by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner in accordance with subsection (5) of this section.

(4) Availability of physicians for emergency care. The facility shall provide or arrange for the provision of physician services twenty-four (24) hours a day, in case of an emergency.

(5) Physician delegation of tasks.

(a) Except as specified in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a physician may delegate tasks to a physician assistant or nurse practitioner who is acting within the scope of practice as defined by state law, and is under the supervision of the physician.

(b) A physician shall not delegate a task when the regulations specify that the physician shall perform it personally, or when the delegation is prohibited under state law or by the facility's own policies.
Section 15. Administration. A facility shall be administered in a manner that enables it to use its resources effectively and efficiently to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each resident.

...(7) Medical director.

(a) The facility shall designate a physician to serve as medical director.

(b) The medical director shall be responsible for:

1. Implementation of resident care policies; and

2. The coordination of medical care in the facility.