1200-08-06-.05 ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND TRANSFERS.

(1) Every person admitted for care or treatment shall be under the supervision of a physician who holds a license in good standing to practice in Tennessee. The name of the resident's attending physician shall be recorded in the resident's medical record.

1200-08-06-.06 BASIC SERVICES.

...(2) Physician Services.

(a) Policies and procedures concerning services provided by the nursing home shall be available for the admitting physicians.

(b) Residents shall be aided in receiving dental care as deemed necessary.

(c) Each nursing home shall retain by written agreement a physician to serve as a Medical Director.

(d) The Medical Director shall be responsible for the medical care in the nursing home. The Medical Director shall:

1. Delineate the responsibilities of and communicate with attending physicians to ensure that each resident receives medical care;

2. Ensure the delivery of emergency and medical care when the resident’s attending physician or his/her designated alternate is unavailable;

3. Review reports of all accidents or unusual incidents occurring on the premises, identifying hazards to health and safety and recommending corrective action to the administrator;

4. Make periodic visits to the nursing home to evaluate the existing conditions and make recommendations for improvements;

5. Review and take appropriate action on reports from the Director of Nursing regarding significant clinical developments;

6. Monitor the health status of nursing home personnel to ensure that no health conditions exist which would adversely affect residents; and,
7. Advise and provide consultation on matters regarding medical care, standards of care, surveillance and infection control.