
A physician shall personally approve in writing a recommendation that a person be admitted to a nursing home. Each resident shall remain under the care of a physician.

8.16.a. Physician supervision. A nursing home shall ensure that:

8.16.a.1. The medical care of each resident is supervised by a physician; and

8.16.a.2. Another physician supervises the medical care of residents when their attending physician is unavailable.

8.16.b. Physician visits. The physician shall:

8.16.b.1. Review the resident’s total program of care, including medications and treatments, and examine the resident personally at each visit required by Subdivision 8.16.c. of this subsection;

8.16.b.2. Write, sign, and date progress notes at each visit; and

8.16.b.3. Sign and date all orders.

8.16.c. Frequency of physician visits. The resident shall be seen by a physician:

8.16.c.1. Within five (5) days prior to admission or within seventy-two (72) hours following admission; and

8.16.c.2. At least every thirty (30) days for the first ninety (90) days after admission, and as the resident’s condition warrants. A nursing home shall assure that physician visits occur as clinically indicated for the resident.

8.16.c.3. After the ninety (90) day requirement has expired, the physician shall visit every sixty (60) days and as the resident’s condition warrants.

8.16.d. Except as provided in Subdivision 8.16.e. of this Subsection, all required physician visits shall be made by the physician personally.

8.16.e. After the initial visit, at the option of the physician, the required visit every sixty (60) days may be alternated between personal visits by the physician and visits by a physician’s assistant, nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in accordance with subdivision 8.16.g. of this Subsection.

8.16.f. Availability of physicians for emergency care. A nursing home shall provide or arrange for the provision of physician services twenty-four (24) hours a day, in case of an emergency.
8.16.g. Physician delegation of tasks. Except as specified in paragraph 8.16.c.2 of this section, a physician may delegate tasks to a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist who:

8.16.g.1. Is licensed by the State;

8.16.g.2. Is acting within the scope of practice as defined by W. Va. Code ‘30-3-1 et seq.; and

8.16.g.3. Is under the supervision of the physician.

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