290-5-8-.01 Definitions.

Unless a different meaning is required by the context, the following terms as used in these rules and regulations shall have the meaning hereafter respectively ascribed to them; except, however, same do not apply to nursing homes owned or operated by the Federal Government:

(i) The term "Patient Activities Program" means a schedule of events which are regularly planned and available for all patients, including social and recreational activities involving active participation by the patient, entertainment of appropriate frequency and character, and opportunities for participation in community activities as possible and appropriate;


290-5-8-.16 Recreation.

(1) An individual shall be designated as being in charge of patient activities. This individual shall have experience and/or training in group activities, or shall have consultation made available from a qualified recreational therapist or group activity leader.

(2) Provisions shall be made for suitable recreational and entertainment activities for patients according to their needs and interests. These activities are an important adjunct to daily living and are to encourage restoration to self-care and resumption of normal activities. Variety in planning shall include some outdoor activities in suitable weather.

(3) Patients shall be encouraged but not forced to participate in patient activities.

(4) The facility shall make available a variety of supplies and equipment adequate to satisfy the individual interests of residents. Examples are: books, magazines, daily newspapers, games, stationery, radio, television and the like.

(5) An active patient activities program shall be carried out that will meet the needs of all patients.


290-5-8-.18 Physical Plant Standards.

...(18) There shall be a patient dining and recreation area provided in each home. The minimum total area shall be twenty (20) square feet of floor space per bed. One-half the required space shall be for dining.