10.07.02.01 Definitions

...(31) "Patient activities coordinator" means a person who:

(a) Is a qualified therapeutic recreation specialist;
(b) Is a qualified occupational therapist;
(c) Is an occupational therapy assistant; or
(d) Has 2 years of experience in a social or recreational program in a licensed health care setting within the last 5 years, 1 year of which was full time in a patient activities program with guidance from a qualified consultant in a health care setting.

10.07.02.19 Patient Activities.

A. Activities Program. The facility shall provide for a program of structured and unstructured activities, designed and monitored appropriately to meet the day-to-day needs and interests of each patient, to encourage self-care, resumption of normal activities, and maintenance of an optional level of psychosocial functioning.

B. Staffing. A staff member qualified by experience or training shall be appointed to be responsible for the activities program. If the designee is not a qualified patient activities coordinator as defined in Regulation .01Y, the Department may approve the designee based on the person’s education, performance, and experience.

C. If the Department determines that an effective program is not maintained consultation may be required as specified by the Department.

D. Restrictions on Participation Documented on Chart. The physician shall note on the patient’s chart any restrictions applicable to the patient’s participation in the activities program.

E. Objective. The activities shall be designed to promote the general health, physical, social, and mental well-being of the patients.

F. Space, Supplies. Adequate space and a variety of supplies and equipment shall be provided by the facility to satisfy the appropriate individual activity needs of patients.