12.E. Specialized Therapy Services

Based upon the resident’s comprehensive assessment, the facility must provide or obtain specialized therapy services, i.e., physical therapy, speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, and mental health services for each resident as needed and prescribed in the plan of care.

12.E.1. Care Plan

a. Based on the resident’s comprehensive assessment, these services shall be integrated into the resident’s comprehensive multidisciplinary care plan, as necessary.

b. The resident's care plan, progress and continued need for specialized therapy is reevaluated as necessary, and recommendations made to the physician and the multidisciplinary team.

12.E.2. Therapists’ Responsibilities

a. Specialized therapy is provided only on written orders of the physician.

b. The therapist shall evaluate each resident referred and recommend a rehabilitative treatment regimen, if appropriate.

c. The therapist, in consultation with the physician, shall initiate the therapy and reevaluate the continuing need for therapy as needed.

d. The therapist shall provide training for staff and supervise the provision of care to assure acceptable level of performance for qualified support personnel.

e. The therapist shall document each treatment and progress noted in the residents' records.

12.E.3. Space and Equipment

a. Space that shall serve the needs of the residents shall be made available for specialized therapies.

b. Equipment necessary for the provision of specialized therapy services shall be available and used as needed.