8.0 Emergency Preparedness

8.1 Nursing facilities shall comply with the rules and regulations adopted and enforced by the State Fire Prevention Commission or the municipality with jurisdiction.

8.2 Regular fire drills shall be held at least quarterly on each shift. Written records shall be kept of attendance at such drills.

8.3 Each facility shall develop and maintain all-hazard emergency plans for evacuation and sheltering in place.

8.4 The staff on all shifts shall be trained on emergency and evacuation plans. Evacuation routes shall be posted in a conspicuous place at each nursing station.

8.5 In the event of a facility evacuation, the evacuation plan shall, at a minimum, provide for the transfer or availability of resident medications and records.

8.6 Each facility shall submit with their annual license renewal an updated Division of Public Health Residential Health Care Facilities Emergency Planning Checklist, electronically if possible.