**He-P 803.17 Organization and Administration.**

(a) Each nursing home shall have a medical director who is a licensed physician in the state of New Hampshire.

(b) Each nursing home shall have a full time administrator who:

1. Is licensed pursuant to RSA 151-A:2; and
2. Shall be responsible for the daily management and operation of the nursing home including:
   a. Management and fiscal matters;
   b. The employment and termination of managers and personnel necessary for the efficient operation of the nursing home;
   c. The designation of an alternate, in writing, who shall be responsible for the daily management and operation of the nursing home in the absence of the administrator;
   d. Ensuring development and implementation of nursing home policies and procedures on:
      1. Patient’s rights as required by RSA 151:20;
      2. Advanced directives and DNR orders as required by RSA 137-J;
      3. Discharge planning as required by RSA 151:26; and
      4. Unusual incident reporting;
   e. Monitoring and evaluating the quality of resident care and resident care services in the nursing home pursuant to He-P 803.24; and
   f. Identifying and making available education programs designed to maintain the personnel’s expertise in areas related to the services provided in the nursing home.

(c) There shall be a full time director of nursing services who is currently licensed in the state of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 326-B, or licensed pursuant to the multi-state compact, and who is an RN with at least 2 years relevant experience in resident care.

(d) The director of nursing services shall be responsible for:

1. Establishment of standards of nursing practice used in the nursing home;
(2) Ensuring that the admission process and resident assessment process coordinates resident requirements for nursing care with available nursing resources;

(3) Participating with the administrator and personnel to improve the quality of nursing care at the nursing home;

(4) Nursing care as authorized by the nurse practice act and according to RSA 326;

(5) The overall health and safety of residents; and

(6) Maintaining written personnel schedules, which shall be retained on-site for a period of at least 90 days and which include;

a. At least one licensed nurse in the facility 24 hours a day;

b. At least one registered nurse, for 8 consecutive hours a day 7 days a week; and

c. Licensed nursing assistants who have been verified in accordance with the New Hampshire board of registration in nursing.

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