

R432-1-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-1-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to define the standard terms for all licensed health care facilities and agencies.

R432-1-3. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 26-21-2. In addition:

(2) "AWOL/Elopement" means absence without leave; an unauthorized departure from the facility.

(3) "Abortion" is defined in Section 76-7-301(1).

(4) "Abuse" is defined in 62A-3-301 as:

(a) attempting to cause, or intentionally or knowingly causing physical harm, or intentionally placing another in fear of imminent physical harm;

(b) physical injury caused by criminally negligent acts or omissions;

(c) unlawful detention or unreasonable confinement;

(d) gross lewdness;

(e) deprivation of life sustaining treatment, except:

(i) as provided in Title 75, Chapter 2, Part 11, Personal Choice and Living Will Act; or

(ii) when informed consent, as defined in Section 76-5-111, has been obtained.

(5) "Act" means the Health Facility Licensure and Inspection Act, Title 26, Chapter 21.

(6) "Active Treatment" means the habilitative program of care for ICF/MR patients described in 42 CFR Part 483 (1983) that addresses training in daily living, self-help, and social skills; activities; recreation; appropriate staffing level; special resident programs; program evaluation; nursing services; documented resident surveys and progress; and social services.

(7) "Activities of Daily Living" ("ADL") means those personal functional activities required for an individual for continued well-being: including eating/nutrition, mobility, dressing, bathing, toileting, and behavior management. ADLs are divided into the following levels:

(a) "Independent" means the resident can perform the ADL without help.

(b) "Assistance" means the resident can perform some part of an activity, but cannot do it entirely alone.

(c) "Dependent" means the resident cannot perform any part of an activity; it must be done entirely by someone else.
(8) "Administering" means the direct application of a prescription drug or device, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or by any other means, to the body of a human patient or research subject by another person.

(9) "Affiliation" means a relationship, usually signified by a written agreement, between two organizations, under the terms of which one organization agrees to provide specified services and personnel to meet the needs of the other, usually on a scheduled basis.

(10) "Aftercare" means post-institution services designed to help a patient maintain or improve on the gains made during inpatient treatment.

(11) "Aide or Attendant" means a person employed to assist in activities of daily living and in the direct personal care of patients.


(13) "Ambulatory" means a person who is capable of achieving mobility sufficient to exit his residence without assistance of another person.

(14) "Annual Report" means a document containing annual statistical information from a licensed health facility or agency.

(15) "Assessment" means a process of observing, testing and evaluating a patient in order to obtain information.

(16) "Bathing Facility" means a bathtub or shower.

(17) "Bed Capacity" means the maximum number of beds which the facility is licensed to offer for patient care.

(18) "Behavior Management" means a planned, systematic application of methods and findings of behavioral science with the intent of reducing observable negative behaviors.

(19) "Birthing Room" means a room and environment designed, equipped and arranged to provide for the care of a woman and newborn and to accommodate her support person(s) during the process of vaginal birth.

(20) "Certificate of Completion" means a document issued by the Utah Board of Education to a person who completes an approved course of study not leading to a diploma; to a person who passes a challenge exam for that same course of study; or to a person whose out-of-state credentials and certificate are acceptable to the Board.

(21) "Certified" means a health facility or agency which holds a current license issued by the Department, and which also meets the standards established for participation in federally funded programs, such as Medicare.

(22) "Certified Nurse Aide" means a nursing assistant who has completed a federally approved training program and proved competency through testing, thereby he is entitled to be employed in a licensed health care facility or agency.

(23) "Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist" means a registered nurse who is licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce under Title 58 Chapter 31b.

(24) "Certified Nurse Midwife" means an individual licensed to practice by the Utah Department of Commerce under Title 58, Chapter 44a.

(25) "Certified Social Worker" means an individual licensed by the Utah Department Commerce under Title 58, Chapter 60.

(26) "Chronic Noncompliance" means a violation of the same licensing administrative rule which is documented in any three inspections within a four year period. Inspections may include complaint investigations, surveys, or follow-up inspections on
plans of correction, or any combination of these inspections that is documented by the Department, an accrediting organization or a federal agency.

(27) "Clinical Note" means a dated, written notation by a member of the health team which indicates contact with a patient and describes any of the following: signs and symptoms of dysfunction, treatment given or medication administered, the patient's reaction, changes in physical or emotional condition, or services provided.

(28) "Clinical Staff" means the physicians and certified providers appointed by the governing authority to practice within the health facility or agency.

(29) "Consultant" means an individual who provides professional services either upon request or on the basis of a predetermined schedule, usually on a contract basis, who is neither a member of the employed staff of the facility or agency, nor whose services are provided within the terms of an affiliation agreement.

(30) "Continuous Noncompliance" means three or more violations of a single licensing rule requirement occurring within a 12-month time period.

(31) "Contract Services" means services purchased by a health facility or agency under a contract with an individual or a provider whose personnel are not salaried employees of the facility or agency.

(32) "Control Station" means a central office or area for charting, drug preparation, and other patient-care tasks normally performed at a nursing station.

(33) "Critical Care Unit" means a special physical and functional unit for the segregation, concentration and close or continuous nursing observation and care of patients who are critically, seriously, or acutely ill.

(34) "Day Treatment" means training and habilitation services delivered outside the patient's place of residence which are intended to aid the vocational, pre-vocational, and self-sufficiency skill development of an ICF/MR patient. These services must meet active treatment requirements and must be coordinated and integrated with the active treatment program of the facility or agency.

(35) "Dentist" means a person registered and currently licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce under Title 58, Chapter 69.

(36) "Department" means the Utah Department of Health.

(37) "Developmental Disability" means a severe, chronic disability that meets all of the following conditions:

(a) Is attributable to: cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism; or any other condition, other than mental illness, closely related to mental retardation which results in impairment of general intellectual functioning adaptive behavior, or requires treatment or services similar to those required for mentally retarded persons;

(b) Is manifested before the person reaches the age of 22;

(c) Is likely to continue indefinitely; and

(d) Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major activity:

(i) self-care;

(ii) understanding and use of language;

(iii) learning;

(iv) mobility;

(v) self-direction; or

(vi) capacity for independent living.
(38) "Dietitian" means a person who is certified pursuant to Title 58, Chapter 49.
(39) "Direct Services" means services provided by salaried employees of a health facility or agency, as opposed to services provided by contract.
(40) "Direct Supervision" means the critical observation and guidance by a qualified person of another person's activities or course of action.
(41) "Discharge" means the point at which the patient's involvement with a facility or agency program is terminated and the facility or agency program no longer maintains active responsibility for the care of the patient.
(42) "Distinct Part" means a discrete, physically definable entity located within a structure constructed and equipped according to applicable codes which:
   (a) provides within the structure the necessary unique physical facilities, equipment, staff, and supplies to deliver all basic services that are offered to and needed for the diagnosis, therapy, and treatment of patients, and to comply with licensing standards;
   (b) provides or arranges for necessary administrative and non-unique, non-clinical, ancillary type services such as dietary, laundry, housekeeping, business office and medical records; and
   (c) protects the rights of patients including freedom from unwanted intrusion by visitors, guests, staff, and residents of adjacent licensed facilities and use occupancies.
(43) "Documentation" means written supportive information, records, or references to verify information required by law or rule.
(44) "Drug History" means identifying all of the drugs used by a patient, including prescribed and unprescribed drugs.
(45) "Emergency" means any situation or event that threatens or poses a threat to the occupants of the facility or agency, or prohibits one or more occupants (staff, patient, or visitor) from receiving services normally offered by the facility or agency, or requires action not normally performed by the facility or agency staff.
(46) "Emotional or psychological abuse" means deliberate conduct that is directed at a person through verbal or nonverbal means and that causes the individual to suffer emotional distress or to fear bodily injury, harm, or restraint.
(47) "Environment" means the physical and emotional atmosphere including architectural design, furnishings, color, privacy, and safety, as well as other people.
(48) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Utah Department of Health.
(49) "Freestanding" means existing independently or physically separated from another health care facility by fire walls and doors and administrated by separate staff with separate records.
(50) "Free-standing Urgent Care Center," as distinguished from a private physician's office or emergency room setting, means a facility which provides out-patient health care service (on an as-needed basis, without appointment) to the public for diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions which do not require hospitalization or emergency intervention for a life-threatening or potentially permanently disabling condition. Diagnostic and therapeutic services provided by a free-standing urgent care center include: a medical history physical examination, assessment of health status and treatment for a variety of medical conditions commonly offered in a physician's office.
(51) "Governing Authority or Governing Body" means the board of trustees, owner, person or persons designated by the owner with ultimate authority and responsibility, both
moral and legal, for the management, control, conduct and functioning of the health care facility or agency.

(52) "Governmental Unit" means the state, or any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of any department, division, board or other agency of any of the foregoing.

(53) "Guardian" means a person legally responsible for the care and management of a person who is considered by law to be incompetent to manage his own affairs.

(54) "Habilitation" means techniques and treatment which actively build and develop new or alternative styles of independent functioning and promote new behavior which results in greater self-sufficiency and sense of well-being.

(55) "Health Care Facility or Agency" means any facility or agency licensed under the authority of the Health Facility Committee and designated as such in Subsection 26-21-2(10).

(56) "Health Services Supervisor" means a person with a professional medical license or certificate, such as a nurse, social worker, physical therapist, or psychologist, responsible for the development, supervision, and implementation of a written health care plan for each resident.

(57) "Homemaker" means a person who cares for the environment in the home through performance of duties such as housekeeping, meal planning and preparation, laundry, shopping and errands.

(58) "Hospitalization" means an inpatient stay of at least 24 hours, or an overnight stay or emergency care, except a stay at a freestanding ambulatory surgical center that meets the requirements of R432-500.


(60) "Imminent Danger" means a situation or condition which presents a substantial likelihood of death or serious physical or mental harm to a patient or resident in the facility or agency.

(61) "Inpatient Program" means treatment provided in a suitably equipped setting that provides services to persons who require care that warrants 24-hour supervision.

(62) "Intake" means the administrative and assessment process for admission to a program.

(63) "Interdisciplinary Team" means a group of staff members composed of representatives from different professions, disciplines, or services.

(64) "Involuntary Medication" means medication which is prescribed by the physician but not taken willingly by the patient, and is administered due to compelling medical reasons.

(65) "Joint Commission" means the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

(66) "Lavatory" means a plumbing fixture designed and equipped for handwashing purposes.

(67) "License" means the certificate issued by the Department of Health for the operation of the facility or agency. This document constitutes the authority to receive patients and residents and to perform the services included within the scope of the rule and as specified on the license.
(68) "Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)" means a person registered and licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce under Title 58, Chapter 31b.

(69) "Licensed Practitioner" means a health professional whose license allows diagnosis, treatment, and prescribing practices within the scope of the license and established protocols.

(70) "Licensee" means the person or organization who is granted a license to operate a health facility or agency and who has ultimate authority and responsibility for the operation, management, control, conduct, and functioning of the facility or agency.

(71) "Licensing Agency" means the Bureau of Licensing of the Utah Department of Health.

(72) "Licensure" means the process of obtaining official or legal permission to operate a health facility or agency.

(73) "Living Unit" means the area or part of a facility where residents sleep and may include dining and other resident activity areas.

(74) "Low Risk Maternal Mother" means a woman who is in good general health throughout pregnancy and birth and who meets the criteria for low risk birth services as developed by the clinical staff and approved by the governing board and licensing agency for a Birthing Center.

(75) "Maladaptive (negative) Behavior" means behavior that is either self-injurious, or dangerous to others, or environmentally destructive, demonstrating a reduction in or lack of ability necessary to adjust to environmental demands.

(76) "Medical Equipment and Supplies" means items used for therapeutic or diagnostic purposes essential for patient care, such as dressings, catheters, or syringes.

(77) "Medical Staff" means the organized body composed of all specified professional personnel, appointed by the governing body and granted privileges to practice in the facility or agency.

(78) "Medication" means any drug, chemical compound, suspension, or preparation suitable for internal or external use by persons for the treatment or prevention of disease or injury.

(79) "Mental Retardation" means significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning resulting in, or associated with, concurrent impairments in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period. Significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning is operationally defined as a score of two or more standard deviations below the mean on a standardized general intelligence test. Developmental period is defined as the period between conception and the 18th birthday.

(80) "Mental Disease" means any disease listed as a mental disorder in the ICD-9-CM excluding the codes for senility or organic brain syndrome (290 through 294.9 and 310 through 310.9), the codes for adjustment reaction (309); the codes for psychic factors associated with diseases classified elsewhere (316); and the codes for mental retardation (317 through 319). Codes 314 through 315.9 may also be excluded for individuals suffering impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of mentally retarded persons. Codes 309 and 316 are also excluded.

(81) "Mobile" means a person who is able to take action for self-preservation under emergency conditions with the assistance of supportive equipment such as crutches, braces, walkers, or wheelchairs, but without the assistance, except for verbal instructions, from other persons.
"Neglect" means the same as 62A-3-301(10).

"New Construction" means any of the following:
(a) New medical or health care facilities licensed under these rules;
(b) Addition(s) to an existing building;
(c) Alteration(s) or modification(s) (other than strictly repair and maintenance) costing more than $3,000 or that affect the structure, electrical or mechanical system of a health care facility.

"Non-Ambulatory" means unable to walk without assistance of other persons.

"Nursing Care" means assistance provided to sick or disabled individuals, by or under the direction of licensed nursing personnel, for their health care needs.

"Nursing Home" means any facility licensed by the Department as a nursing care facility that provides licensed nursing care and related services to residents who need continuous health care and supervision.

"Occupational Therapist" means a person currently licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce under Title 58, Chapter 42a.

"Oral Surgeon" means a person who has successfully completed a postgraduate program in oral surgery accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting body approved by the U.S. Office of Education and is licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce to practice dentistry.

"PRN medication" means medication which is administered pro re nata. Pro re nata means as needed. The time of medication administration is determined by the resident's need.

"Parent Facility" means all free-standing health facilities under a single ownership licensed under Section 26-21-2 except home health agencies. The parent facility includes:
(a) the main structure, wings, or detached buildings where a service within the scope of the facility's license is offered and any detached building used for storage, heating or cooling equipment located on the main grounds bounded by a city, county or a state street or road, or a property line; and
(b) any structure located outside the main facility grounds connected to the main facility by a heating or cooling system or by a covered walkway where a service is provided within the scope of the parent facility's license.

"Patient" means a resident or person receiving care in a health care facility or agency. Patient, client or resident terms are interchangeable meaning a person who is receiving needed services.

"Patient Care Plan" means an integrated plan of care developed for the patient.

"Pediatric Patients" means infants, children, adolescents, and young adults up to the age of 18.

"Personal Care" means assistance provided to residents in activities of daily living.

"Personal Care Aide" means a person who assists patients or residents in the activities of daily living and emergency first aid; and who may be supervised by a licensed nurse.

"Personal Resource Funds" means monies received by a patient from a variety of sources which the patient may spend as needed or desired.
97) "Personnel" means individual(s) in training or employed by the health care facility or agency.

98) "Pharmacist" means a person currently licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce to practice pharmacology pursuant to Title 58, Chapter 17a.

99) "Physical Therapist" means a person currently licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce to practice under Title 58, Chapter 24a.

100) "Physician" means a person who is licensed to practice medicine and surgery by the Utah Department of Commerce under Section 58-67-301, the Utah Medical Practice Act, or Section 58-68-301, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, or a physician in the employment of the government of the United States who is similarly qualified.

101) "Place of Residence" means the place a patient makes his home. This may be a house, an apartment, a relative's home, housing for the elderly, a retirement home, an assisted living facility, or a place other than a health care facility which provides continuous nursing care.

102) "Plan of Care or Plan of Treatment" are interchangeable terms which mean a written plan based on assessment data or physician orders that identifies the patient's needs, who shall provide needed services and how often, treatment goals, and anticipated outcomes.

103) "Podiatrist" means a person registered and licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce under Title 58, Chapter 5a.

104) "Policies and Procedures" means a set of rules adopted by the governing body to govern the health care facility or agency's operation.

105) "Practitioner" means a registered nurse, with advanced or specialized training, who is licensed by Utah Department of Commerce, Title 58, Chapter 31b.

106) "Prognosis" means a statement given as:
   (a) the likelihood of an individual achieving stated goals;
   (b) the degree of independence likely to be achieved; or
   (c) the length of time to achieve goals.

107) "Program" means a general term for an organized system of services designed to address the treatment needs of the patient.

108) "Protected Living Arrangement" means provision for food, shelter, sleeping accommodations, and supervision of activities of daily living for persons of any age who are unable to independently maintain these basic needs and functions.

109) "Provider" means a supplier of goods or services.

110) "Public Agency" means an agency operated by a state or local government.

111) "Public Health Center" means a publicly owned facility for the provision of public health services, including related facilities such as laboratories, clinics, and administrative offices operated in connection with public health centers.

112) "Qualified Mental Retardation Professional (QMRP)" means a person who has specialized training or one year of experience in treating or working with the mentally retarded including any one of the following: psychologist with a master's degree from an accredited program; licensed physician; educator with a bachelor's degree in education from an accredited program; social worker with a bachelor's degree in social work from an accredited program or a field other than social work and at least three years of social work experience under the supervision of a qualified social worker; licensed physical or occupational therapist; licensed speech pathologist or audiologist; registered nurse;
therapeutic recreation specialist who is a graduate of an accredited program and is licensed
to perform recreational therapy under the provisions of Title 58, Chapter 40; Rehabilitation
counselor who is certified by the Committee on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification.

(113) "Quality of Care" means the provision of patient treatment, including medical or nursing care as well as restorative therapies.

(114) "Quality of Life" means how a patient experiences the state of existing and functioning in the facility environment, and is related to the human and humane processes involved in normal human functioning, including rights and freedoms.

(115) "Recovery," for birthing centers, means that period or duration of time starting at birth and ending with the discharge of a client from the birthing center, or the period of time between the birth and the time a mother leaves the premises of the birthing center.

(116) "Recreational Therapist" means any person licensed to perform recreational therapy under the provisions of Title 58, Chapter 40.

(117) "Referred Outpatient" means a person who is receiving his medical diagnosis, treatment, or other health care services from one or more sources outside the hospital, but who receives from the hospital diagnostic tests or examinations ordered by health care practitioners, legally permitted to order such tests and examinations, and to whom the hospital reports findings and results.

(118) "Refurbish" means to clean or otherwise change the appearance without making significant changes in the existing physical structure of a facility.

(119) "Registered Nurse" means any person who is registered and licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce to practice as a registered nurse under Title 58, Chapter 31.

(120) "Rehabilitation" means a program of care designed to restore a patient to a former capacity.

(121) "Relative" means spouse, parent, stepparent, son, daughter, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, first cousin or any such person denoted by the prefix "grand" or "great" or the spouse of any of the persons specified in this definition, even if the marriage has been terminated by death or dissolution.

(122) "Remodel" means to reconstruct or to make significant changes in the existing physical structure of a facility.

(123) "Representative" means a person employed by the Department.

(124) "Request for Hearing" means any clear expression in writing by a provider requesting an opportunity to appeal a Department action following R432-30.

(125) "Resident Living" means residential services provided by an ICF/MR facility.

(126) "Responsible Person" means an individual, relative, or close friend designated in writing by the resident, or a court-appointed guardian or person with durable power of attorney, who assists the resident and assumes responsibility for the resident's well-being and for any care not provided by the facility or agency.

(127) "Restrictive Procedures" means a class of procedures designed to reduce or eliminate maladaptive behaviors including:

(a) restricting an individual's movement;
(b) restricting an individual's ability to obtain positive reinforcement; and
(c) restricting an individual's ability to participate in programs.
(128) "Safety Device" means a protective device used to offer protection from inadvertent acts (such as falling out of bed) as well as deliberate acts (such as removing a nasogastric tube).

(129) "Seclusion" means a procedure that isolates the patient in a specific room or designated area to temporarily remove the patient from the therapeutic community and reduce external stimuli.

(130) "Self Administration of Medication" means the act by which a resident independently removes an individual dose from a properly labeled container and takes that medication. The resident must know the medication type, dosage and frequency of administration.

(131) "Service Delivery Area" means any area in the facility where a specific service or group of services is organized, performed or carried out. For example the dietary services area includes the kitchen; patient care services delivery area includes patient rooms, corridors, and adjacent areas.

(132) "Service Pattern" means a continuum of medical and psychological needs expressed as a type and used in evaluation for appropriate placement and treatment purposes.

(133) "Social Service Worker (SSW)" means a person currently licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce to function as a social service worker under Title 58, Chapter 60.

(134) "Social Worker, Certified (CSW)" means a person currently licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce to practice social work under Title 58, Chapter 60.

(135) "Specialty Hospital" means a hospital which provides specialized diagnostic, therapeutic, or rehabilitative services in the recognized specialty or specialties for which the hospital is licensed.

(136) "Speech-Language Pathologist" means a person licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce to practice speech-language pathology pursuant to Title 58, Chapter 41.

(137) "Substantial Noncompliance" means any occurrence of a Class I violation, or the occurrence of one or more Class II violations resulting in continuous noncompliance, or chronic noncompliance with one or more rule requirements in the administrative rules specific to the health care facility licensure category.

(138) "Summary Report" means a compilation of pertinent facts from the clinical notes regarding a patient, usually submitted to the patient's physician as part of a plan of treatment.

(139) "Supervision" means guidance of another person or persons by a qualified person to assure that a service, function, or activity is provided within the scope of a license, certificate, job description, or instructions.

(140) "Support Person" means the individual(s) selected or chosen by a mother to provide emotional support and to assist her during the process of labor and childbirth.

(141) "Surgeon General" means the surgeon general of the United States public health service.

(142) "Therapist" means a professionally trained licensed or registered person (such as a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or speech therapist), who is skilled in applying treatment techniques and procedures under the general direction of a physician.
"Training and Habilitation Services" means services intended to improve or aid the intellectual, sensorimotor, and emotional development of a patient or resident.

R432-1-4. Identification Badges.
(1) Health care facilities and agencies shall ensure that the following persons, shall wear an identification badge:
   (a) professional and non-professional employees who provide direct care to patients; and
   (b) volunteers.
(2) The identification badge shall include the following:
   (a) the person's first or last name; however, the badge does not have to reveal the persons full name; and
   (b) the person's title or position, in terms generally understood by the public.

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(a) is administered by a parent facility within the scope of the parent facility's current license,
(b) is in a location not contiguous with the parent facility,
(c) does not qualify for licensing under Section 26-21-2, and
(d) is approved by the Department for inclusion under the parent facility's license and identified as a remote service.

(2) A licensed health care facility that wishes to offer a satellite operation shall submit for Department review a program narrative and one set of construction drawings. The program narrative shall define at least the following:
(a) location of the remote facility (street address);
(b) capacity of the remote facility;
(c) license category of the parent facility;
(d) service to be provided at the remote facility (must be a service authorized under the parent facility license);
(e) ancillary administrative and support services to be provided at the remote facility; and
(f) Uniform Building Code occupancy classification of the remote facility physical structure.

(3) Upon receipt of the satellite service program narrative and construction drawings, the Department shall make a determination of the applicable licensing requirements including the need for licensing the service. The Department shall verify at least the following items:
(a) There is only a single health care treatment service provided at the remote site and that it falls within the scope of the parent facility license;
(b) The remote facility physical structure complies with all construction codes appropriate for the service provided;
(c) All necessary administrative and support services for the specified treatment service are available, on a continuous basis during the hours of operation, to insure the health, safety, and welfare of the clients.

(4) If a facility qualifies as a single satellite service treatment center the Department shall issue a separate license identifying the facility as a "satellite service" of the licensed parent facility. This license shall be subject to all requirements set forth in R432-2 of the Health Facility Rules.

(5) A parent facility that wishes to offer more than one health care service at the same remote site shall either obtain a satellite service license for each service offered as described above or obtain a license for the remote complex as a free-standing health care facility.

(6) A satellite facility is not permitted within the confines of another licensed health care facility.

R432-2-6. Application.
(1) An applicant for a license shall file a Request for Agency Action-License Application with the Utah Department of Health on a form furnished by the Department.
(2) Each applicant shall comply with all zoning, fire, safety, sanitation, building and licensing laws, regulations, ordinances, and codes of the city and county in which the facility
or agency is located. The applicant shall obtain the following clearances and submit them as part of the completed application to the licensing agency:

(a) A certificate of fire clearance from the State Fire Marshal or designated local fire authority certifying compliance with local and state fire codes is required with initial and renewal application, change of ownership, and at any time new construction or substantial remodeling has occurred.

(b) A satisfactory Food Services Sanitation Clearance report by a local or state sanitarian is required for facilities providing food service at initial application and upon a change of ownership.

(c) Certificate of Occupancy from the local building official at initial application, change of location and at the time of any new construction or substantial remodeling.

(3) The applicant shall submit the following:

(a) a list of all officers, members of the boards of directors, trustees, stockholders, partners, or other persons who have a greater than 25 percent interest in the facility;

(b) the name, address, percentage of stock, shares, partnership, or other equity interest of each person; and

(c) a list, of all persons, of all health care facilities in the state or other states in which they are officers, directors, trustees, stockholders, partners, or in which they hold any interest;

(4) The applicant shall provide the following written assurances on all individuals listed in R432-2-6(3):

(a) None of the persons has been convicted of a felony;

(b) None of the persons has been found in violation of any local, state, or federal law which arises from or is otherwise related to the individual's relationship to a health care facility; and

(c) None of the persons who has currently or within the five years prior to the date of application had previous interest in a licensed health care facility that has been any of the following:

(i) subject of a patient care receivership action;

(ii) closed as a result of a settlement agreement resulting from a decertification action or a license revocation;

(iii) involuntarily terminated from participation in either Medicaid or Medicare programs; or

(iv) convicted of patient abuse, neglect or exploitation where the facts of the case prove that the licensee failed to provide adequate protection or services for the person to prevent such abuse.

(5) An applicant or licensee shall submit a feasibility study as part of its application for a license for a new facility or agency or for a new license for an increase in capacity at a health care facility or expansion of the areas served by an agency.

(a) The feasibility study shall be a written narrative and provide at a minimum:

(i) the purpose and proposed license category for the proposed newly licensed capacity;

(ii) a detailed description of the services to be offered;

(iii) identification of the operating entity or management company;

(iv) a listing of affiliated health care facilities and agencies in Utah and any other state;
(v) identification of funding source(s) and an estimate of the total project capital cost;

(vi) an estimate of total operating costs, revenues and utilization statistics for the twelve month period immediately following the licensing of the new capacity;

(vii) identification of all components of the proposed newly licensed capacity which ensures that residents of the surrounding area will have access to the proposed facility or service;

(viii) identification of the impact of the newly licensed capacity on existing health care providers; and

(ix) a list of the type of personnel required to staff the newly licensed capacity and identification of the sources from which the facility or agency intends to recruit the required personnel.

(b) The applicant or licensee shall submit the feasibility study no later than the time construction plans are submitted. If new construction is not anticipated, the applicant or licensee shall submit the study at least 60-days prior to beginning the new service. The applicant shall provide a statement with the feasibility study indicating whether it claims business confidentiality on any portion of the information submitted and, if it does claim business confidentiality, provide a statement meeting the requirements of Utah Code section 63-2-308.

(c) The Department shall publish public notice, at the applicant's expense, in a newspaper in general circulation for the location where the newly licensed capacity will be located that the feasibility study has been completed. The Department shall accept public comment for 30 days from initial publication. The Department shall retain the feasibility study and make it available to the public.

(d) The Department shall review the feasibility study, summarize the public comment, review demographics of the geographic area involved and prepare a written evaluation to the applicant regarding the viability of the proposed program.

(6) The licensee may apply to designate any number of beds within the facility's licensed capacity as banked beds on a form provided by the Department.

(a) The licensee may apply to designate beds as banked no later than December 1st of each year or upon application for license renewal.

(b) The Department shall thereafter show the facility as having an operational bed capacity equal to the licensed capacity minus any beds banked by the facility.

(c) Banking beds shall not alter the licensed capacity of a facility.

(7) The licensee may apply to return any number of banked beds to operational bed capacity on a form provided by the Department.

(a) The licensee may apply to return banked beds to operational capacity no later than December 1 of each year or upon application for license renewal.

(b) The Department shall thereafter show the facility as having an operational bed capacity equal to the licensed capacity minus any beds still banked by the facility.

(c) Beds previously banked that have been returned to operational capacity must meet the construction and life safety codes that were applicable to the facility at the time the beds were last banked.

(8) The requirements contained in Utah Code Section 26-21-23(5)(a) shall be met if a nursing care facility filed a notice of intent or application with the Department and paid a fee relating to a proposed nursing care facility prior to March 1, 2007.
The requirements contained in Utah Code Section 26-21-23(5)(b) shall be met if a nursing care facility complies with the requirements of R432-4-14(4) and R432-4-16 on or before July 1, 2008.

R432-2-7. License Fee.
In accordance with Subsection 26-21-5(1)(c), the applicant shall submit a license fee with the completed application form. A current fee schedule is available from the Bureau of Health Facility Licensing upon request. Any late fees is assessed according to the fee schedule.

R432-2-8. Additional Information.
The Department may require additional information or review other documents to determine compliance with licensing rules. These include:
1. architectural plans and a description of the functional program.
2. policies and procedures manuals.
3. verification of individual licenses, registrations or certification required by the Utah Department of Commerce.
4. data reports including the submission of the annual report at the Departments request.
5. documentation that sufficient assets are available to provide services: staff, utilities, food supplies, and laundry for at least a two month period of time.

R432-2-9. Initial License Issuance or Denial.
1. The Department shall render a decision on an initial license application within 60 days of receipt of a complete application packet or within six months of the date the first component of an application packet is received; provided, in either case, a minimum of 45 days is allowed for the initial policy and procedure manual review.
2. Upon verification of compliance with licensing requirements the Department shall issue a provisional license.
3. The Department shall issue a written notice of agency decision under the procedures for adjudicative proceedings (R432-30) denying a license if the facility is not in compliance with the applicable laws, rules, or regulations. The notice shall state the reasons for denial.
4. An applicant who is denied licensing may reapply for initial licensing as a new applicant and shall be required to initiate a new request for agency action as described in R432-2-6.
5. The Department shall assess an administrative fee on all denied license applications. This fee shall be subtracted from any fees submitted as part of the application packet and a refund for the balance returned to the applicant.

1. The license shall document the following:
   (a) the name of the health facility,
   (b) licensee,
   (c) type of facility,
(d) approved licensed capacity including identification of operational and banked beds,
(e) street address of the facility,
(f) issue and expiration date of license,
(g) variance information, and
(h) license number.
(2) The license is not assignable or transferable.
(3) Each license is the property of the Department. The licensee shall return the license within five days following closure of a health care facility or upon the request of the Department.
(4) The licensee shall post the license on the licensed premises in a place readily visible and accessible to the public.

(1) Each standard license shall expire at midnight on the day designated on the license as the expiration date, unless the license is revoked or extended under subsection (2) or (4) by the Department.
(2) If a facility is operating under a conditional license for a period extending beyond the expiration date of the current license, the Department shall establish a new expiration date.
(3) The licensee shall submit a Request for Agency Action/License Application form, applicable fees, clearances, and the annual report for the previous calendar year (if required by the Department under R432-2-8) 15 days before the current license expires.
(4) A license shall expire on the date specified on the license unless the licensee requests and is granted an extension from the Department.
(5) The Department shall renew a standard license upon verification that the licensee and facility are in compliance with all applicable license rules.
(6) Facilities no longer providing patient care or client services may not have their license renewed.

R432-2-12. New License Required.
(1) A prospective licensee shall submit a Request for Agency Action/License Application, fees, and required documentation for a new license at least 30 days before any of the following proposed or anticipated changes occur:
   (a) occupancy of a new or replacement facility.
   (b) change of ownership.
(2) Before the Department may issue a new license, the prospective licensee shall provide documentation that:
   (a) all patient care records, personnel records, staffing schedules, quality assurance committee minutes, in-service program records, and other documents required by applicable rules remain in the facility and have been transferred to the custody of the new licensee.
   (b) the existing policy and procedures manual or a new manual has been approved by the Department and adopted by the facility governing body before change of ownership occurs.
   (c) new contracts for professional or other services not provided directly by the facility have been secured.
(d) new transfer agreements have been drafted and signed.
(e) written documentation exists of clear ownership or lease of the facility by the new owner.

3) Upon sale or other transfer of ownership, the licensee shall provide the new owner with a written accounting, prepared by an independent certified public accountant, of all patient funds being transferred, and obtain a written receipt for those funds from the new owner.

4) A prospective licensee is responsible for all uncorrected rule violations and deficiencies including any current plan of correction submitted by the previous licensee unless a revised plan of correction, approved by the Department, is submitted by the prospective licensee before the change of ownership becomes effective.

5) If a license is issued to the new owner the previous licensee shall return his license to the Department within five days of the new owners receipt of the license.

6) Upon verification that the facility is in compliance with all applicable licensing rules, the Department shall issue a new license effective the date compliance is determined as required by R432-2-9.


1) A licensee shall submit a Request for Agency Action/License Application to amend or modify the license status at least 30 days before any of the following proposed or anticipated changes:
   (a) increase or decrease of licensed capacity.
   (b) change in name of facility.
   (c) change in license category.
   (d) change of license classification.
   (e) change in administrator.

2) An increase of licensed capacity may incur an additional license fee if the increase exceeds the maximum number of units in the fee category division of the existing license. This fee shall be the difference in license fee for the existing and proposed capacity according to the license fee schedule.

3) Upon verification that the licensee and facility are in compliance with all applicable licensing rules, the Department shall issue an amended or modified license effective the date that the Department determines that the licensee is in compliance.


1) A licensee that voluntarily ceases operation shall complete the following:
   (a) notify the Department and the patients or their next of kin at least 30 days before the effective date of closure.
   (b) make provision for the safe keeping of records.
   (c) return all patients' monies and valuables at the time of discharge.
   (d) The licensee must return the license to the Department within five days after the facility ceases operation.

2) If the Department revokes a facility's license or if it issues an emergency closure order, the licensee shall document for Department review the following:
   (a) the location and date of discharge for all residents,
R432-2-15. Provisional License.

(1) A provisional license is an initial license issued to an applicant for a probationary period of six months.

(a) In granting a provisional license, the Department shall determine that the facility has the potential to provide services and be in full compliance with licensing rules during the six month period.

(b) A provisional license is nonrenewable. The Department may issue a provisional license for no longer than six months. It may issue no more than one provisional license to any health facility in any 12-month period.

(2) If the licensee fails to meet terms and conditions of licensing before the expiration date of the provisional license, the license shall automatically expire.


(1) A conditional license is a remedial license issued to a licensee if there is a determination of substandard quality of care, immediate jeopardy or a pattern of violations which would result in a ban on admissions at the facility or if the licensee is found to have:

(a) a Class I violation or a Class II violation that remains uncorrected after the specified time for correction;

(b) more than three cited repeat Class I or II violations from the previous year; or

(c) fails to fully comply with administrative requirements for licensing.

(2) A standard license is revoked by the issuance of a conditional license.

(3) The Department may not issue a conditional license after the expiration of a provisional license.

(4) In granting a conditional license, the Department shall be assured that the lack of full compliance does not harm the health, safety, and welfare of the patients.

(5) The Department shall establish the period of time for the conditional license based on an assessment of the nature of the existing violations and facts available at the time of the decision.

(6) The Department shall set conditions whereby the licensee must comply with an accepted plan of correction.

(7) If the licensee fails to meet the conditions before the expiration date of the conditional license, the license shall automatically expire.

R432-2-17. Standard License.

A standard license is a license issued to a licensee if:

(1) the licensee meets the conditions attached to a provisional or conditional license;

(2) the licensee corrects the identified rule violations; or

(3) when the facility assures the Department that it complies with R432-2-11 to R432-2-12.
(1) A health facility may submit a request for agency action to obtain a variance from state rules at any time.
   (a) An applicant requesting a variance shall file a Request for Agency Action/Variance Application with the Utah Department of Health on forms furnished by the Department.
   (b) The Department may require additional information from the facility before acting on the request.
   (c) The Department shall act upon each request for variance in writing within 60 days of receipt of a completed request.
(2) If the Department grants a variance, it shall amend the license in writing to indicate that the facility has been granted a variance. The variance may be renewable or non-renewable. The licensee shall maintain a copy of the approved variance on file in the facility and make the copy available to all interested parties upon request.
   (a) The Department shall file the request and variance with the license application.
   (b) The terms of a requested variance may be modified upon agreement between the Department and the facility.
   (c) The Department may impose conditions on the granting of a variance as it determines necessary to protect the health and safety of the residents or patients.
   (d) The Department may limit the duration of any variance.
(3) The Department shall issue a written notice of agency decision denying a variance upon determination that the variance is not justified.
(4) The Department may revoke a variance if:
   (a) The variance adversely affects the health, safety, or welfare of the residents.
   (b) The facility fails to comply with the conditions of the variance as granted.
   (c) The licensee notifies the Department in writing that it wishes to relinquish the variance and be subject to the rule previously varied.
   (d) There is a change in the statute, regulations or rules.

(1) As used in this section, an "owner" is any person or entity:
   (a) ultimately responsible for operating a health care facility; or
   (b) legally responsible for decisions and liabilities in a business management sense or that bears the final responsibility for operating decisions made in the capacity of a governing body.
(2) The owner of the health care facility does not need to own the real property or building where the facility operates.
(3) A property owner is also an owner of the facility if he:
   (a) retains the right or participates in the operation or business decisions of the enterprise;
   (b) has engaged the services of a management company to operate the facility; or
   (c) takes over the operation of the facility.
(4) A licensed provider whose ownership or controlling ownership interest has changed must submit a Request for Agency Action/License Application and fees to the department 30 days prior to the proposed change.
(5) Changes in ownership that require action under subsection (4) include any arrangement that:
(a) transfers the business enterprise or assets to another person or firm, with or
without the transfer of any real property rights;
(b) removes, adds, or substitutes an owner or part owner; or
(c) in the case of an incorporated owner:
   (i) is a merger with another corporation if the board of directors of the surviving
corporation differs by 20 percent or more from the board of the original licensee; or
   (ii) creates a separate corporation, including a wholly owned subsidiary, if the board
of directors of the separate corporation differs by 20 percent or more from the board of the
original licensee.
(6) A person or entity that contracts with an owner to manage the enterprise, subject
to the owner's general approval of operating decisions it makes is not an owner, unless the
parties have agreed that the managing entity is also an owner.
(7) A transfer between departments of government agencies for management of a
government-owned health care facility is not a change of ownership under this section.

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R432-3-1. Legal Authority.
This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-3-2. Purpose.
This rule delineates the role and responsibility of the Department and the Bureau of
Licensing in the enforcement of rules and regulations pertaining to health, safety, and
welfare in all licensed and unlicensed health facilities and agencies regulated by Title 26,
Chapter 21. These provisions provide guidelines and criteria to ensure that sanctions are
applied consistently and appropriately.

R432-3-3. Deemed Status.
The Department may grant licensing deemed status to facilities and agencies
accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (Joint
Commission), Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC),
Accreditation Commission for Health Care, or Community Health Accreditation Program in
lieu of the annual licensing inspection by the Department upon completion of the following
by the facility or agency:
   (1) As part of the annual license renewal process, the licensee shall identify on the
Request for Agency Action/Application its desire to:
      (a) initiate deemed status,
      (b) continue deemed status, or
      (c) relinquish deemed status during the licensing year of application.
(2) This request shall constitute written authorization for the Department to attend
the accrediting agency exit conference.

(3) Upon receipt from the accrediting agency, the facility shall submit copies of the
following:
   (a) accreditation certificate;
   (b) Joint Commission Statement of Construction;
   (c) survey reports and recommendations;
   (d) progress reports of all corrective actions underway or completed in response to
accrediting body's action or Department recommendations.

(4) Regardless of deemed status, the Department may assert regulatory
responsibility and authority pursuant to applicable state and federal statutes to include:
   (a) annual and follow up inspections,
   (b) complaint investigation,
   (c) verification of the violations of state law, rule, or standard identified in a
Department survey or, violations of state law, rule, or standard identified in the accrediting
body's survey including:
      (i) facilities or agencies granted a provisional or conditional accreditation by the
Joint Commission until a full accreditation status is achieved,
      (ii) any facility or agency that does not have a current, valid accreditation certificate, or
      (iii) construction, expansion, or remodeling projects required to comply with
standards for construction promulgated in the rules by the Health Facility Committee.

(5) The Department may annually conduct validation inspections of facilities or
agencies accredited for the purpose of determining compliance with state licensing
requirements. If a validation survey discloses a failure to comply with the standards for
licensing, the provisions relating to regular annual inspection shall apply.

R432-3-4. Statement of Findings.

(1) The Department or its designee shall inspect each facility or agency at least once
during each year that a license has been granted, to determine compliance with standards
and the applicable rules and regulations.

(2) Whenever the Department has reason to believe that a health facility or agency
is in violation of Title 26, Chapter 21 or any of the rules promulgated by the Health Facility
Committee, the Department shall serve a written Statement of Findings to the licensee or his
designee within the following timeframe.
   (a) Statements for Class I and III violations are served immediately.
   (b) Statements for Class II violations are served within ten working days.

(3) Violations shall be classified as Class I, Class II, and Class III violations.
   (a) "Class I Violation" means any violation of a statute or rule relating to the
operation or maintenance of a health facility or agency which presents imminent danger to
patients or residents of the facility or agency or which presents a clear hazard to the public
health.
   (b) "Class II Violation" means any violation of a statute or rule relating to the
operation or maintenance of a health facility or agency which has a direct or immediate
relationship to the health, safety, or security of patients or residents in a health facility or
agency.
(c) "Class III Violation" means establishing, conducting, managing, or operating a health care facility or agency regulated under Title 26, Chapter 21 and this rule without a license or with an expired license.

(4) The Department may cite a facility or agency with one or more rule or statute violations. If the Department finds that there are no violations, a letter shall be sent to the facility acknowledging the inspection findings.

(5) The Statement of Findings shall include:
   (a) the statute or rule violated;
   (b) a description of the violation;
   (c) the facts which constitute the violation; and
   (d) the classification of the violation.

R432-3-5. Plan of Correction.

(1) A health facility or agency shall submit within 14 calendar days of receipt of a Statement of Findings a Plan of Correction outlining the following:
   (a) how the required corrections shall be accomplished;
   (b) who is the responsible person to monitor the correction is accomplished; and
   (c) the date the facility or agency will correct the violation.

(2) Within ten working days of receipt of the Plan of Correction, the Department shall make a determination as to the acceptability of the Plan of Correction.

(3) If the Department rejects the Plan of Correction, the Department shall notify the facility or agency of the reasons for rejection and may request a revised Plan of Correction or issue a Notice of Agency Action directing a Plan of Correction and imposing a deadline for the correction. If the Department requests a revised Plan of Correction, the facility or agency shall submit the revised Plan of Correction within 14 days of receipt of the Department request.

(4) If the facility or agency corrects the violation prior to submitting the Plan of Correction, the facility or agency shall submit a report of correction.

(5) If violations remain uncorrected after the time specified for completion in the Plan of Correction or if the facility or agency fails to submit a Plan of Correction as specified, the Department shall notify the facility or agency.

(6) Any person aggrieved by the agency action shall have the right to seek review under the provisions outlined in Rule R432-30, Adjudicative Proceedings.

(7) If a licensed or unlicensed health facility or agency is served with a Statement of Findings citing a Class I violation, the facility or agency shall correct the situation, condition, or practice constituting the Class I violation immediately, unless a fixed period of time is determined by the Department and is specified in the Plan of Correction.

   (a) The Department shall conduct a follow-up inspection within 14 calendar days or within the agreed-upon correction period to determine correction of Class I violations.

   (b) If a health facility or agency fails to correct a Class I violation as outlined in the accepted Plan of Correction, the Department shall pursue sanctions or penalties through a formal adjudicative proceeding as outlined in Rule R432-30.

(8) A facility or agency served with a Statement of Findings citing a Class II violation shall correct the violation within the time specified in the Plan of Correction or within a time-frame approved by the Department which does not exceed 60 days unless justification is provided in the accepted Plan of Correction.
(9) The Department may issue a conditional license or impose sanctions to the license or initiate a formal adjudicative proceeding to close the facility or agency if a facility or agency is cited with a Class II violation and fails to take required corrective action as outlined in Rule R432-30.

(10) The Department shall determine which sanction to impose by considering the following:
   (a) the gravity of the violation;
   (b) the effort exhibited by the licensee to correct violations;
   (c) previous facility or agency violations; and
   (d) other relevant facts.

(11) The Department shall serve a facility or agency with a Statement of Findings for a Class III violation. A facility of agency cited for a Class III violation must file a Request for Agency Action/License Application form and pay the required licensing fee within 14 days of the receipt of the Class III Statement of Findings.
   (a) The Statement of Findings may include the names of individuals residing in the facility who require services outside the scope of the proposed licensing category.
   (b) The facility shall arrange for all individuals to be relocated if the facility is unable to meet the individuals’ needs within the scope of the proposed license category.
   (c) If the facility or facility fails to submit the Request for Agency Action/License Application as specified, the Department shall issue a written Notice of Agency Action ordering closure of the facility or agency.
   (d) If the Executive Director determines that the lives, health, safety or welfare of the patients or residents cannot be adequately assured pending a full formal adjudicative proceeding, he may order immediate closure of the facility or agency under an emergency adjudicative proceeding, as outlined in Rule R432-30.


(1) The Department may initiate an action against a health facility or agency pursuant to Section 26-21-11. That action may include the following sanctions:
   (a) denial or revocation of a license if the facility or agency fails to comply with the rules established by the Committee, or demonstrates conduct adverse to the public health, morals, welfare, and safety of the people of the state;
   (b) restriction or prohibition on admissions to a health facility or agency for:
      (i) any Class I deficiency,
      (ii) Class II deficiencies that indicate a pattern of care and have resulted in the substandard quality of care of patients,
      (iii) repeat Class I or II deficiencies that demonstrate continuous noncompliance or chronic noncompliance with the rules, or
      (iv) permitting, aiding, or abetting the commission of any illegal act in the facility or agency;
   (c) distribution of a notice of public disclosure to at least one newspaper of general circulation or other media form stating the violation of licensing rules or illegal conduct permitted by the facility or agency and the Department action taken;
   (d) placement of Department employees or Department-approved individuals as monitors in the facility or agency until such time as corrective action is completed or the facility or agency is closed;
(e) assessment of the cost incurred by the Department in placing the monitors to be reimbursed by the facility or agency; or
(f) during the correction period, placement of a temporary manager to ensure the health and safety of the patients.

(2) If the Department imposes a restriction or prohibition on admissions to a long-term care facility or agency, the Department shall send a written notice to the licensee.
   (a) The licensee shall post the copies of the notice on all public entry doors to the licensed long-term care facility or agency.
   (b) The Department shall impose the restriction or prohibition if:
      (i) the long-term care facility or agency has previously received a restriction or prohibition on admissions within the previous 24 month period; or
      (ii) the long-term care facility or agency has failed to meet the timeframes in the Plan of Correction which is the basis for the restriction or prohibition on admissions; or
      (iii) circumstances in the facility or agency indicate actual harm, a pattern of harm, or a serious and immediate threat to patients.

(3) If telephone inquiries are made to a long-term care facility or agency with a restriction or prohibition on admissions, the facility or agency shall inform the caller, during the call, about the restriction or prohibition on admissions. If the facility or agency fails to inform the caller, the department may assess penalties as allowed by statute and shall require the facility or agency to post a written notice on all public entry doors.

R432-3-7. Immediate Closure of Facility.
(1) The Department may order the immediate closure of any licensed or unlicensed health facility or agency when the health, safety, or welfare of the patients or residents cannot be assured pending a full formal adjudicative proceeding.
(2) The provisions for an emergency adjudicative proceeding as provided in section 63-46b-20 shall be followed.
(3) If the Department determines to close a facility or agency, it shall serve an order that the facility or agency is ordered closed as of a given date. The order shall:
   (a) state the reasons the facility is ordered closed;
   (b) cite the statute or rule violated; and
   (c) advise as to the commencement of a formal adjudicative proceeding in accordance with this rule.
(4) The Department may maintain an action in the name of the state for injunction or other process against the health facility or agency which disobeys a closure order as provided in section 26-21-15.
(5) The Department may assist in relocating patients or residents to another licensed facility or agency.
(6) The Department may pursue other lesser sanctions in lieu of the closure order.
(7) The Department may, in addition to emergency closure, seek criminal penalties.

R432-3-8. Mandatory License Revocation.
(1) The Department may revoke a license or refuse to renew a license for a health care facility that is in chronic noncompliance with one or more of the rule requirements identified as mandatory license revocation criteria in the rules specific to the facility or agency licensing category.
(2) The Department may not revoke a license or refuse to renew a license for chronic noncompliance on the third or subsequent violation unless it has documented within 14 working days from receipt of the Statement of Findings two prior violations and given the licensee or facility administrator a written warning notice. The written notice shall include a statement that continued violation could result in revocation of the license.

(3) If the Department revokes the license because of chronic noncompliance and the evidence supports the Department's finding of chronic noncompliance, no lesser sanction may be substituted, either by the Department or upon subsequent review by the Health Facility Committee or the courts.

R432-3-9. Medicare/Medicaid Certification.

(1) The Department may accept survey and complaint investigation findings of the Bureau of Medicare/Medicaid Program Certification and Resident Assessment as its own in the conduct of the Bureau of Licensing responsibilities under state law.

(2) The Bureau of Licensing may review all Statements of Findings and Plans of Correction, including surveys, follow up surveys, and complaint investigation actions, completed by the Bureau of Medicare/Medicaid Program Certification and Resident Assessment. The Statements of Findings and Plans of Correction may be reviewed for compliance with state rules to include:
   (a) assessment of chronic non-compliance history in accordance with Subsection R432-1-3(26);
   (b) assessment of continuous non-compliance history in accordance with Subsection R432-1-3(30).

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R432-4. General Construction.

R432-4-1. Legal Authority.
This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26 Chapter 21 for General Hospitals; Specialty Hospitals; Ambulatory Surgical Facilities; Nursing Care Facilities; Inpatient Hospices; Birthing Centers; Abortion Clinics; and Small Health Care Facilities, Levels I, II and III.

R432-4-2. Purpose.
The purpose of this rule is to promote the health and welfare of individuals receiving services by establishing construction standards.

R432-4-3. General Design.
(1) The licensee is responsible for assuring compliance with this section.
(2) When testing and certification compliance can only be verified through written documentation, the licensee must maintain documentation in the facility for Department review.

(3) Additional requirements for individual health care facility categories are included in the individual category construction rules sections of the Health Facility Licensure Rules, R432. If conflicts exist between R432-4 and individual category rules, the individual category rules govern.

(4) If conflicts exist between applicable codes, the most restrictive code applies.

(5) When other authorities having jurisdiction adopt more restrictive requirements than contained in these rules, the more restrictive requirements apply.

(6) The licensee shall ensure the building complies with the functional requirements for the applicable licensure classification and shall ensure provisions are made for all facilities and equipment necessary to meet the care and safety needs of all clients served, when construction is completed.

R432-4-4. Site Location.
(1) The site of the licensed health care facility shall be accessible to both community and service vehicles, including fire protection apparatus.
(2) Facilities shall ensure that public utilities are available.

R432-4-5. Site Design.
(1) Paved roads shall be provided within the property for access to all entrances, service docks and for fire equipment access to all exterior walls.
(2) Paved walkways shall be provided for pedestrian traffic.
(3) Paved walkways shall be provided from every required exit to a dedicated public way.
(4) Hospitals with an organized emergency service shall have well marked emergency access to facilitate entry from public roads or streets serving the site. Vehicular or pedestrian traffic shall not conflict with access to the emergency service area. The emergency entrance shall be covered to ensure protection for patients during transfer from automobile or ambulance.

R432-4-6. Parking.
(1) Parking shall be provided in accordance with local zoning ordinances.
(2) If local zoning ordinances do not exist, Section 3.2.B Parking, from Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities 2001 Edition shall apply and is adopted and incorporated by reference.
(3) The requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, (ADAAG) for handicapped parking access shall apply and parking spaces for the disabled shall be directly accessible to the facility without the need to go behind parked cars.

R432-4-7. Environmental Pollution Control.
Public Law 91-190, National Environment Policy Act, requires the site and project be developed to minimize any adverse environmental effects on the neighborhood and
community. Environmental clearances and permits shall be obtained from local jurisdictions and the Utah Department of Environmental Quality.

R432-4-8. Standards Compliance.

(1) The following standards are adopted and incorporated by reference:
   (a) Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, IESNA, publication RP-29-95, Lighting for Hospitals and Health Care Facilities, 1995 edition;
   (b) The following chapters of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code, NFPA 101, 2000 edition:
      (i) Chapter 18, New Health Care Occupancies;
      (ii) Chapter 19, Existing Health Care Occupancies.
(2) The following codes and standards apply to health care facilities. The licensee shall obtain clearance from the authority having jurisdiction and submit documentation to the Department verifying compliance with these codes and standards as they apply to the category of health care facility being constructed:
   (a) Local zoning ordinances;
   (b) International Building Code, 2000 edition;
   (c) Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, (ADAAG) 28 CFR 36, Appendix A, (July 1993);
   (d) International Mechanical Code, 2000 edition;
   (e) International Plumbing Code, 2000 edition;
   (g) R313. Environmental Health, Radiation Control, 1994;
   (h) R309. Environmental Health, Drinking Water and Sanitation, 1994;
   (i) R315. Environmental Health, Solid and Hazardous Waste, 1994;
   (j) NFPA 70, National Electric Code, 1999 edition;
   (k) NFPA 99, Standards for Health Care Facilities, 1999 edition;
   (m) American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Handbook of Fundamentals, 1997 edition.
(3) The licensee shall obtain a Certificate of Occupancy from the local building official having jurisdiction.
(4) The licensee shall obtain a Certificate of Fire Clearance from the Fire Marshal having jurisdiction.
(5) The licensee must obtain clearance from the Department prior to utilization of newly constructed facilities and additions or remodels of existing facilities.


(1) New construction, additions and remodels to existing structures, shall comply with Department rules in effect on the date the schematic drawings are submitted to the Department.
(2) If the remodeled area or addition in any building, wing, floor or service area of a building exceeds 50 percent of the total square foot area of the building, wing, floor or service area, then the entire building, wing, floor or service area shall be brought into compliance with adopted codes and rules governing new construction which are in effect on the date the schematic drawings are submitted to the Department.
(3) During remodeling and new construction, the licensee must maintain the safety level which existed prior to the start of work.

**R432-4-10. Existing Building Licensure.**

(1) Existing buildings, currently licensed, shall conform to Department construction rules in effect at the time of original facility licensure.

(2) Existing buildings which are currently licensed, or which were previously licensed, but are changing classification; or for which the licensed has lapsed, shall comply with requirements for new construction.

**R432-4-11. Building Refurbishing.**

(1) Paint, carpet, wall coverings, and other new materials installed as part of a refurbishing project shall comply with R432-4-8.

(2) The licensee shall maintain documentation of compliance with codes, rules, and standards.

**R432-4-12. Mixed Occupancies.**

(1) Health care occupancies must be separated from non-health care occupancies in accordance with requirements of the local jurisdiction.

(2) If separation of occupancies is not practical, the most restrictive occupancy requirements apply to the building.

**R432-4-13. Campus and Contract Facilities.**

All housing, treatment, and diagnostic areas and facilities utilized by a patient admitted to a licensed health care facility shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of R432-4 if:

(1) the area will be used by one or more patients who are physically or mentally incapable of taking independent life saving action in an emergency;

(2) the prescribed or administered treatment renders the patient incapable of taking independent life saving action in an emergency; or

(3) the patient is incapable of taking independent life saving action in an emergency due to physical or chemical restraints.

**R432-4-14. Plan Review.**

(1) Prior to submitting documents for plans review, the facility licensee or designee shall schedule a conference with Department representatives, the licensee's architect, and the licensee or his designee to outline the required plans review process.

(2) The licensee shall submit the following for Department review:

(a) a functional program,

(b) schematic drawings,

(c) design development drawings,

(d) working drawings,

(e) specifications.

(3) The Department may initiate review when all required documents and fees are received.
(4) Working drawings and specifications for new construction, additions, or remodeling must have the seal of a Utah licensed architect affixed, in compliance with Section 58-3a-602.

(5) The licensee shall pay a plans review and construction inspection fee assessed by the Department in accordance with the fee schedule approved by the Legislature.

(6) Plans approval by the Department shall not relieve the licensee of responsibility for full compliance with R432-4.

(7) Plan approval expires 12 months after the date of the Department's approval letter, or the latest plan review response letter, if construction has not commenced.

(8) After a 12 month lapse, the licensee must resubmit plans and a new plan review fee to the Department and obtain a new letter of approval before work proceeds.

(9) The Department may issue a license or modify a license only after the Department has determined the facility complies with adopted construction rules and has obtained all clearances and certifications.

R432-4-15. Functional Program.

The functional program required in R432-4-14(2)(a) must include the following:

1. the purpose and proposed license category of the facility;
2. services offered, including a detailed description of each service;
3. ancillary services required to support each function or program;
4. departmental relationships;
5. services offered under contract by outside providers and the required in-house facilities to support these services;
6. services shared with other licensure categories or functions;
7. a description of anticipated in-patient workloads;
8. a description of anticipated out-patient workloads;
9. physical and mental condition of intended patients;
10. patient age range;
11. ambulatory condition of intended patients, such as non-ambulatory, mobile, or ambulatory;
12. type and use of general or local anesthetics;
13. use of physical or chemical restraints;
14. special requirements which could affect the building;
15. area requirements for each service offered, stated in net square feet;
16. seclusion treatment rooms, if provided, including staff monitoring procedures;
17. exhaust systems, medical gases, laboratory hoods, filters on air conditioning systems, and other special mechanical requirements;
18. special electrical requirements;
19. x-ray facilities, nurse call systems, communication systems, and other special systems;
20. a list of specialized equipment which could require special dedicated services or special structures;
21. a description of how essential core services will accommodate increased demand, if a building is designed for expansion;
(22) Inpatient services, treatment areas, or diagnostic facilities planned or anticipated to be housed in other buildings, the construction type of the other buildings, and provisions for protecting the patient during transport between buildings.

(23) Infection control risk assessment to determine the need for the number and types of isolation rooms over and above the minimum numbers required by the Guidelines.

R432-4-16. Drawings.

Drawings must show all equipment necessary for the operation of the facility.

(1) Schematic drawings may be single line and shall contain the following information:
   (a) list of applicable building codes;
   (b) location of the building on the site and access to the building for public, emergency, and service vehicles;
   (c) site drainage;
   (d) any unusual site conditions, including easements which might affect the building or its appurtenances;
   (e) relationships of departments to each other, to support facilities, and to common facilities;
   (f) relationships of rooms and areas within departments;
   (g) number of inpatient beds;
   (h) total building area or area of additions or remodeled portions.

(2) Design development drawings, drawn to scale, shall contain the following information:
   (a) room sizes;
   (b) type of construction, using International Building Code classifications;
   (c) site plan, showing relationship to streets and vehicle access;
   (d) outline specification;
   (e) location of fire walls, corridor protection, fire hydrants, and other fire protection equipment;
   (f) location and size of all public utilities;
   (g) types of mechanical, electrical and auxiliary systems; and
   (h) provisions for the installation of equipment which requires dedicated building services, special structure or which require a major function of space.

(3) Working drawings shall include all previous submitted drawings and specifications.
   (a) The licensee shall provide one copy of completed working drawings and specifications to the Department.
   (b) Within 30 days after receipt of the required documentation and plan review fee, the Department will provide to the licensee and the project architect a written report of modifications required to comply with construction standards.
   (c) The licensee shall submit the revised plans for review and final Department approval.

R432-4-17. Construction Inspections.

(1) The Department may conduct interim inspections during construction.
(2) The licensee shall schedule with the Department a final construction inspection when the project is complete and all furnishings and equipment are in place, but prior to utilization.

**R432-4-18. Construction Without Plans Approval.**

(1) If construction is commenced without prior Department plans approval, the Department may issue a license and approve occupancy only after as-built drawings have been approved by the Department and the Department has conducted a construction inspection.

(2) The licensee must correct all noncompliant items and pay the full plans review fee and inspection fee in accordance with the established fee schedule prior to licensure and patient occupancy.

**R432-4-19. Existing Buildings Without Plans.**

(1) If plans are not available for existing buildings, or for facilities requesting an initial license or license category change, the licensee may submit to the Department the following information:
   
   (a) a functional program described in R432-4-15;
   
   (b) a report identifying modifications to the building required to bring it into compliance with construction rules for the requested licensure category.

(2) The Department shall review the material submitted and within 30 days after receipt of the required material, furnish to the licensee a letter of approval or rejection. The Department may provide, at its option, a report of modifications required to comply with construction standards.

(3) The licensee shall request and schedule a Department follow up inspection upon completion of the modifications.

(4) Prior to a final Department inspection, the licensee must pay an inspection fee in accordance with the fee schedule approved by the Legislature.

(5) The Department may issue a license when the building is in compliance with all licensing rules.

**R432-4-20. Construction Phasing.**

Projects involving remodeling or additions to existing buildings shall be scheduled and phased to minimize disruption to the occupants of facilities and to protect the occupants against construction traffic, dust, and dirt from the construction site. Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities 2001 edition Section 5 is adopted and incorporated by reference.

**R432-4-21. Outpatient Unit Features.**

(1) If a building entrance is used to reach outpatient services, the entrance must be at grade level, clearly marked, and located to minimize the need for outpatients to traverse other program areas. The outpatient surgery discharge location must provide protection from the weather by canopies that extend from the building to permit sheltered transfer to an automobile.

(2) Lobbies of multi-occupancy buildings may be shared if the design prohibits unrelated traffic within or through units or suites of the licensed health care facility.
R432-4-22. Standards for Accessibility.
(1) At least one drinking fountain, toilet, and handwashing facility shall be available on each floor for persons with disabilities.
(2) Each room required to be accessible to persons utilizing wheelchairs shall comply with ADAAG.

R432-4-23. General Construction.
(1) Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities 2001 edition, Section 7 and Appendix A (Guidelines), and Sections 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, and 9.9 for free-standing satellites or in-house outpatient programs, are adopted and incorporated by reference except as modified in this section. Swing beds must meet the requirements of Sections 7 and 8 of the Guidelines.
(2) If a modification is cited for the Guidelines, the modification supersedes conflicting requirements of the Guidelines.
(3) Yard equipment and supply storage areas shall be located so that equipment may be moved directly to the exterior without passing through building rooms or corridors.
(4) Waste Processing Systems. Facilities shall provide sanitary storage and treatment areas for the disposal of all categories of waste, including hazardous and infectious wastes using techniques acceptable to the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, and the local health department having jurisdiction.
(5) Windows, in rooms intended for 24-hour occupancy, shall open to the building exterior or to a court which is open to the sky.
   (a) Windows shall be equipped with insect screens.
   (b) Operation of windows shall be restricted to a maximum opening of six inches to prevent escape or suicide.
   (c) Window opening shall be restricted regardless of the method of operation or the use of tools or keys.
(6) Trash chutes, laundry chutes, dumb waiters, elevator shafts, and other similar systems shall not pump contaminated air into clean areas.
(7) All public and patient toilet and bath areas must have grab bars. Grab bar sizes and configurations shall comply with ADAAG.
(8) Each patient handwashing fixture shall have a mirror. Patient toilet and bath rooms that are required to be accessible to persons utilizing wheelchairs shall have mirrors installed in accordance with ADAAG.
(9) Showers and tubs shall contain recessed soap dishes.
(10) Cubicle curtains and draperies shall be affixed to permanently mounted tracks or rods. Portable curtains or visual barriers are not permitted.
(11) Floors and bases of kitchens, toilet rooms, bath rooms, janitor's closets and soiled workrooms shall be homogenous and shall be coved. Other areas subject to frequent wet cleaning shall have coved bases that are sealed to the floor.
(12) Acoustical treatment for sound control shall be provided in areas where sound control is needed, including corridors in patient areas, nurse stations, dayrooms, recreation rooms, dining areas, and waiting areas.
(13) Carpet.
Carpet in institutional occupancy patient areas, except public lobbies and offices, shall be treated to meet the following microbial resistance ratings as tested in accordance with test methods of the American Association of Textiles, Chemists, and Colorists (AATCC):

(a) Rating: minimum 90% bacterial reduction, test method: AATCC 100.
(d) Resilient backed carpet may be used in lieu of anti-microbial carpet.
(e) Carpet and padding shall be stretched taut and be free of loose edges to prevent tripping.

(14) Signs shall be provided as follows:
(a) General and circulation direction signs in corridors;
(b) Identification on or by the side of each door; and
(c) Emergency evacuation directional signs.

(15) Elevators.
Elevators intended for patient transport shall accommodate a gurney with attendant and have minimum inside cab dimensions of 5'8" wide by 8'5" deep and a minimum clear door width of 3'8".

(16) All rooms and occupied areas in the facility shall have provisions for ventilation. Natural window ventilation may be used for ventilation of nonsensitive areas and patient rooms when weather conditions permit, but mechanical ventilation shall be provided during periods of temperature extremes.
(a) Bottoms of ventilation openings shall be located at least three inches, above the floor.
(b) Supply and return systems shall be in ducts. Common returns using corridors or attic spaces as plenums are prohibited.

(17) In facilities other than general hospitals, specialty hospitals, and nursing care facilities, hot water recirculation is not required if the linear distance along the supply pipe from the water heater to the fixture does not exceed 50 feet.

(18) Medical gas and air system outlets shall be provided as outlined in Table 7.5 of the Guidelines.
(c) Bed pan washing devices may be deleted from inpatient toilet rooms where a soiled utility room is within the unit which includes bed pan washing capability.

(19) Building sewers shall discharge into a community sewer system. If a system is not available, the facility shall treat its sewage in accordance with local requirements and Utah Department of Environmental Quality requirements.

(20) Dishwashers, disposers and appliances shall be National Sanitation Foundation, NSF, approved and shall have the NSF seal affixed.

(21) Electrical materials shall be listed as complying with standards of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. or other equivalent nationally recognized standards.
(a) Approaches to buildings and all spaces within the buildings occupied by people, machinery, or equipment shall have fixtures for lighting in accordance with at least mid range requirements shown in Tables 1A and 1B of the Guidelines in 29-95, Lighting for Health Facilities, by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America.
(b) Parking lots shall have fixtures for lighting to provide light levels as recommended in IESNA Lighting for Parking Facilities (RP-20-1998).

Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities 2001 edition, Section 7 and Appendix A (Guidelines), are incorporated and adopted by reference and shall be met except as modified in this section. Where a modification is cited, the modification supersedes conflicting requirements of the Guidelines.

(1) Hospitals must have at least one nursing unit of at least six beds containing patient rooms, patient care spaces, and service areas.
   (a) When more than one nursing unit shares spaces and service areas, as permitted in this rule, the service areas shall be contiguous to each nursing unit served.
   (b) Identifiable spaces shall be provided for each of the required services.
      (i) When used in this rule, "room or office" describes a specific, separate, enclosed space for the service.
      (ii) When "room or office" is not used, multiple services may be accommodated in one enclosed space.
   (c) Facility services shall be accessible from common areas without compromising patient privacy.

(2) Patient room area is identified in each individual construction rule for the licensure category rule.
   (a) The closets in each patient room shall be a minimum of 22 inches deep by at least 22 inches wide and high enough to hang full length garments and to accommodate two storage shelves.
   (b) Pediatric units must have at least one tub room with a bathtub, toilet and sink convenient to the unit. The tub room may be omitted if all patient rooms contain a tub in the toilet room.

(3) A "Continuing Care Nursery" must have one oxygen, one medical air and one vacuum per bassinet.

(4) Appendix A7.2.A1 of the Guidelines, single patient room occupancy, applies to new construction only.

(5) Provisions for an isolation room for infectious patients in Phase II recovery, as discussed in 7.7.C14 of the Guidelines, is deleted.

(6) Postpartum rooms, in new construction, shall be single patient rooms.

(7) The facility must provide linen services as follows:
   (a) Processing laundry may be done within the facility, in a separate building on or off site, or in a commercial or shared laundry.
   (b) If laundry is processed by an outside commercial laundry, the following shall be provided:
      (i) a separate room for receiving and holding soiled linen until ready for transport;
(ii) a central, clean linen storage and issuing room(s) to accommodate linen storage for four days operation or two normal deliveries, whichever is greater; and
(iii) handwashing facilities in each area where unbagged, soiled linen is handled.
(c) If the facility processes its own laundry, within the facility or in a separate building, the following shall be provided:
(i) a receiving, holding, and sorting room for control and distribution of soiled linen;
(ii) a washing room with handwashing facilities and commercial equipment that can process a seven day accumulation of laundry within a regularly scheduled work week;
(iii) a drying room with dryers adequate for the quantity and type of laundry being processed; and
(iv) a clean linen storage room with space and shelving adequate to store one half of all linens and personal clothing being processed.
(d) Soiled linen chutes shall discharge directly into the receiving room or in a room separated from the washing room, drying room and clean linen storage.
(e) Prewash facilities may be provided in the receiving, holding and sorting rooms.
(f) If laundry is processed by the facility, either a two or three room configuration may be used as follows;
(i) A two room configuration shall consist of the following:
   (A) a room housing soiled linen receiving, sorting, holding, and prewash facilities; washers; and handwashing facilities; and
   (B) a room housing dryers; clean linen folding, sorting, and storage facilities; and
   (ii) A three room configuration shall consist of:
      (A) a soiled linen receiving, sorting, holding room with prewash and handwashing facilities;
      (B) a combination washer and dryer room arranged so linen flows from the soiled receiving area to the washers, to the dryers, and then to clean storage; and
      (C) a clean storage room with folding, sorting, storage and handwashing facilities.
      (iii) Physical separation shall be maintained between rooms by means of self closing doors.
      (iv) Air movements shall be from the clean area to the soiled area. Air from the soiled area shall be exhausted directly to the outside.
(g) Handwashing sinks shall be provided and located within the laundry areas to maintain the functional separation of the clean and soiled processes.
(h) Rooms shall be arranged to prevent the transport of soiled laundry through clean areas and the transport of clean laundry through soiled areas.
(i) Convenient access to employee lockers and lounges shall be provided.
(j) Storage for laundry supplies shall be provided.
(k) A cart storage area for separate parking of clean and soiled linen carts shall be provided out of normal traffic paths.

R432-4-25. Excluded Sections of the Guidelines.
The Linen Services section 7.23 of the Guidelines does not apply.

R432-4-26. Penalties.
The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to $5,000 and deny approval for patient utilization of new or remodeled areas if a health care provider does not submit architectural drawings to the Bureau of Licensing. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to $5,000 if the licensee fails to follow Department-approved architectural plans. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to $500 per day for each day a new or renovated area is occupied prior to Bureau of licensing approval.

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R432-5. Nursing Facility Construction.
R432-5-1. Legal Authority.
This rule is promulgated pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-5-2. Purpose.
The purpose of this rule is to promote the health and welfare through the establishment and enforcement of construction standards. The intent is to provide residential like environments and encourage social interaction of residents.

R432-5-3. Definitions.
(1) "Special Care Unit" means a physical area within a licensed facility designated for the housing and treatment of residents diagnosed with a specifically defined disease or medical condition.
(2) "Room or Office" when used in this rule describes a specific, separate, enclosed space for the service. When room or office is not used, multiple services may be accommodated in one enclosed space.

R432-5-4. Description of Service.
(1) A nursing unit shall consist of resident rooms, resident care spaces, and services spaces.
(2) Each nursing unit shall contain at least four resident beds.
(3) Rooms and spaces composing a nursing unit shall be contiguous.
(4) A nursing care facility operated in conjunction with a general hospital or other licensed health care facility shall comply with all provisions of this section. Dietary, storage, pharmacy, maintenance, laundry, housekeeping, medical records, and laboratory functions may be shared by two or more facilities.
(5) Special care units shall comply with all provisions of R432-5.
(6) Windows, in rooms intended for 24-hour occupancy, shall be operable.

R432-5-5. General Design Requirements.
R432-4-1 through R432-4-23, and 24(3) apply with the following modifications.
(1) Fixtures in all public and resident toilet and bathrooms shall comply with Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, (ADAAG) 28 CFR 36, Appendix A, (July 1993). These rooms shall be wheelchair accessible with wheelchair turning space within the room.

(2) Lavatories, counters, and door clearances within resident rooms shall be wheelchair accessible.

R432-5-6. General Construction Requirements.

(1) Nursing facilities shall be constructed in accordance with the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities (Guidelines), Section 8 and Appendix A, 2001 edition which is adopted by reference.

(2) Where a modification is cited, the modification supersedes conflicting requirements of the Guidelines.

R432-5-7. Nursing Unit.

(1) When more than one nursing unit shares spaces and service areas, as permitted in this rule, the shared spaces and service areas shall be contiguous to each nursing unit served.

(2) Facility service areas shall be accessible from common areas without compromising resident privacy.

(3) Each nursing unit shall have a maximum number of 60 beds.

(4) At least two single-bed rooms, each with private toilet room containing a toilet, lavatory, and bathing facility shall be provided for each nursing unit.

(a) In addition to the lavatory in the toilet room, in new construction and remodeling, a lavatory or handwashing sink shall be provided in the resident room.

(b) Ventilation shall be in accordance with Table 6 with all air exhausted to the outside.

(5) Each room shall have a window in accordance with R432-4-23(5).

(6) Each resident closet shall be a minimum of 22 inches deep by 36 inches wide with a shelf to store clothing and a clothes rod positioned to accommodate full length garments.

(7) A nurse call system is not required in facilities which care for persons with mental retardation or developmental disabilities. With prior approval of the Department, a nursing facility may modify the system to alleviate hazards to residents.

(8) Handwashing facilities shall be located near the nursing station and the drug distribution station.

(9) A staff toilet room may also serve as a public toilet room if it is located in the nursing unit.

(10) A clean workroom or clean holding room with a minimum area of 80 square feet shall provide for preparing resident care items.

(a) The clean work room shall contain a counter, handwashing facilities and storage facilities.

(b) The work counter and handwashing facilities may be omitted in rooms used only for storage and holding, as part of a larger system for distribution of clean and sterile supply materials.

(11) If a medical cart is used it shall be under visual control of staff.
(a) Double locked storage shall be provided for controlled drugs.
(b) Provisions shall be made for receiving, assembling, and storage of drugs and other pharmacy products.

12. If a closed cart is used for clean linen storage, it shall be stored in a room with a self closing door. Storage in an alcove in a corridor is prohibited.

13. Ice intended for human consumption shall be dispensed by self dispensing ice makers. Bin type storage units are prohibited.

14. Gurney showers for residents may be provided at the option of the facility.
   (a) One bathtub and shower shall be provided on each nursing floor in addition to bath fixtures in resident toilet rooms.
   (b) At least one shower on each floor shall be at least four feet square without curbs designed for use by a resident using a wheelchair.
   (c) Each resident bathtub and shower shall be in a separate room or enclosure large enough to ensure privacy and to allow staff to assist with bathing, drying, and dressing.

15. At least one toilet room shall be provided on each floor containing a nursing unit to be used for resident toilet training.
   (a) The room shall contain a toilet and lavatory with wheelchair turning space within the room.
   (b) A toilet room with direct access from the bathing area shall be provided at each central bathing area if a toilet is not otherwise provided in the bathing area. The toilet training facility may serve this function if there is direct access from the bathing area.
   (c) Doors to toilet rooms shall have a minimum width of 34 inches to admit a wheelchair. The doors shall permit access from the outside in case of an emergency.
   (d) A handwashing fixture shall be provided in each toilet room.

16. An equipment storage room with a minimum area of 120 square feet for portable equipment shall be provided.

**R432-5-8. Resident Support Areas.**

1. Occupational therapy service areas may be counted in the calculation of support space.
2. Physical Therapy, personal care room, and public waiting lobbies shall not be included in the calculation of support space.
3. There shall be resident living areas equipped with tables, reading lamps, and comfortable chairs designed to be usable by all residents.
4. There shall be a general purpose room with a minimum area of 100 square feet equipped with a table and comfortable chairs.
5. A minimum area of ten square feet per bed shall be provided for outdoor recreation. This space shall be provided in addition to the setbacks on street frontages required by local zoning ordinances.
6. Examination and Treatment rooms.
   (a) An examination and treatment room shall be provided except when all resident rooms are single bed rooms.
   (b) An examination and treatment room may be shared by multiple nursing units.
   (c) When provided, the room shall have a minimum floor area of 100 square feet, excluding space for vestibules, toilet, closets, and work counters, whether fixed or moveable.
(d) The room shall contain a lavatory equipped for handwashing, work counter, storage facilities, and a desk, counter, or shelf space for writing.

(7) In addition to facility general storage areas, at least five square feet per bed shall be provided for resident storage.


(1) A separate storage room for clean and soiled linen shall be provided contiguous to the rehabilitation therapy area.

(2) Storage for rehabilitation therapy supplies and equipment shall be provided.


(1) Linen services shall comply with R432-4-24(3).

(2) There shall be one housekeeping room for each nursing unit.

(3) Yard equipment and supply storage areas shall be located so that equipment may be moved directly to the exterior without passing through building rooms or corridors.


Facilities and equipment shall be provided for the sanitary storage and treatment or disposal of all categories of waste, including hazardous and infectious wastes if applicable, using techniques defined by the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, and the local health department having jurisdiction.

R432-5-12. Details and Finishes.

(1) Grab bars shall be installed in all toilet rooms in accordance with the ADAAG.

(2) Corridor and hallway handrails shall comply with ADAAG. The top of the rail shall be 34 inches above the floor, except for areas serving children and other special care areas.

(3) Cubicle curtains and draperies shall be affixed to permanently mounted tracks or rods. Portable curtains or visual barriers are not permitted.

(4) Signs shall be provided as follows:
   (a) general and circulation direction signs in corridors;
   (b) identification at each door; and
   (c) emergency directional signs;
   (d) all signs in corridors shall comply with ADAAG.

(5) Partitions, floor and ceiling construction in resident areas shall comply with the noise reduction criteria of Table 1 for sound control.

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TABLE 1

Sound Transmission Limitations in Long-Term Care Facilities

Airborne Sound Transmissions
Transmissions Class (STC) (a)
(Residents' room to resident's room)  
|  |  
|---|---|
| 35 | 40 |

Public space to (residents' room)  
| (b) |  
| 40 | 40 |

Service areas to (residents' room)  
| (c) |  
| 45 | 45 |

(a) Sound transmissions (STC) shall be determined by tests in accordance with Standard E90 and ASTM Standard E413. Where partitions do not extend to the structure above, the designer shall consider sound transmissions through ceilings and composite STC performance.

(b) Public space includes lobbies, dining rooms, recreation rooms, treatment rooms, and similar space.

(c) Service areas include kitchens, elevators, elevator machine rooms, laundry rooms, garages, maintenance rooms, boilers and mechanical equipment rooms and similar spaces of high noise. Mechanical equipment located on the same floor or above patient's rooms, offices, nurses' stations, and similarly occupied space shall be effectively isolated from the floor.


At least one elevator serving all levels shall accommodate a gurney with attendant and have minimum inside cab dimensions of 5'8" wide by 8'5" deep and a minimum clear door width of 3'8".

R432-5-14. Mechanical Standards.

(1) Mechanical tests shall be conducted prior to final Department construction inspection.

(2) Written test results shall be retained in facility maintenance files and available for Department review.

(3) Air Conditioning, Heating, and Ventilating Systems shall include:

(a) A heating system capable of maintaining a temperature of 80 degrees Fahrenheit in areas occupied by residents.

(b) A cooling system capable of maintaining a temperature of 72 degrees Fahrenheit in areas occupied by residents.

(c) Evaporative coolers may only be used in kitchen hood systems that provide 100% outside air.

(d) Isolation rooms may be ventilated by reheat induction units in which only the primary air supplied from a central system passes through the reheat unit. No air shall be recirculated into the building system.

(e) Supply and return systems must be within a duct. Common returns using corridor or attic spaces as return plenums are prohibited.

(f) Filtration shall be provided when mechanically circulated outside air is used.

(g) Hoods.

(i) All hoods over cooking ranges shall be equipped with grease filters, fire extinguishing systems, and heat activated fan controls.
(ii) Cleanout openings shall be provided every 20 feet in horizontal sections of duct systems serving the hoods.

(h) Gravity exhaust may be used, where conditions permit, for boiler rooms, central storage, and other nonresident areas.

(4) Plumbing and other Piping Systems shall include:
   (a) Handwashing facilities that are arranged to provide sufficient clearance for single lever operating handles.
   (b) Dishwashers, disposal and appliances that are National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) approved and have the NSF seal affixed.
   (c) Kitchen grease traps that are located and arranged to permit access without the need to enter food preparation or storage areas.
   (d) Hot water provided in patient tubs, showers, whirlpools, and handwashing facilities that is regulated by thermostatically controlled automatic mixing valves. These valves may be installed on the recirculating system or on individual inlets to appliances.

(1) Operators shall maintain written certification to the Department verifying that systems and grounding comply with NFPA 99 and NFPA 70.
(2) Approaches to buildings and all spaces within buildings occupied by people, machinery, or equipment shall have fixtures for lighting in accordance with the requirements of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA). Parking lots shall have fixtures for lighting to provide light levels as recommended in IES Recommended Practice RP-20-1998, Lighting for parking facilities by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America.
(3) Automatic emergency lighting shall be provided in accordance with NFPA 99 and NFPA 101.
(4) Each examination and work table shall have access to a minimum of two duplex outlets.
(5) Receptacles and receptacle cover plates on the emergency system shall be red.
(6) An on-site emergency generator shall be provided in all nursing care facilities except small ICF/MR health care facilities of 16 beds or less.
   (a) In addition to requirements of NFPA 70, Section 517-40, the following equipment shall be connected to the critical branch of the essential electrical system.
      (i) heating equipment necessary to provide heated space sufficient to house all residents under emergency conditions,
      (ii) duplex convenience outlets in the emergency heated area at the ratio of one duplex outlet for each ten residents,
      (iii) nurse call system,
      (iv) one duplex receptacle in each resident bedroom.
   (b) Fuel storage shall permit continuous operation of the services required to be connected to the emergency generator for 48 hours.

R432-5-16. Exclusions to the Guidelines.
The following sections of the Guidelines do not apply:
(1) Parking, Section 8.1.F.
(2) Program of Functions, Section 8.1.G.
(3) Clean workroom, Subsection 8.2.C.5.
(4) Linen Services, section 8.11.
(5) Clusters and Staffing Considerations, section A8.2.A. The cluster design concept has proven beneficial in numerous cases, but is optional. However, the Department encourages new construction projects to consider this concept.

R432-5-17. Penalties.

The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to $5,000 and deny approval for patient utilization of new or remodeled areas if a health care provider does not submit architectural drawings to the Bureau of Licensing. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to $5,000 if the licensee fails to follow Department-approved architectural plans. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to $500 per day for each day a new or renovated area is occupied prior to Bureau of Licensing approval.

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R432-6. Assisted Living Facility General Construction.
R432-6-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21. Sections numbered less than R432-6-99 apply to all assisted living facilities. Sections in the R432-6-100 series apply to Type I assisted living facilities. Sections in the R432-6-200 series apply to Type II assisted living facilities.

R432-6-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to promote the health and welfare of individuals receiving assisted living services through the establishment and enforcement of construction standards.

R432-6-3. Definitions.

(1) Assisted Living Facility Type I is a residential facility that provides assistance with activities of daily living and social care to two or more ambulatory residents who require protected living arrangements.

(2) Assisted Living Facility Type II is a residential facility that provides coordinated supportive personal and health care services to two or more semi-independent residents.

(a) "Semi-independent means a person who is:
(i) physically disabled but able to direct his or her own care; or
(ii) cognitively impaired or physically disabled but able to evacuate from the facility, or to a zone or area of safety, with the physical assistance of one person.

(b) "Resident Living Unit" means:
(i) a one bedroom unit which may also include a bathroom and additional living space; or
(ii) a two bedroom unit which may also include a bathroom and additional living space.

(c) "Additional Living Space" means a living room, dining area and kitchen, or a combination of these rooms or areas in a resident living unit.

(3) "Room" or "office" means a specific, separate, fully enclosed space for the service. If "room" or "office" is not used, multiple services may be accommodated in one enclosed space.

(4) Assisted Living Facilities Type I and Type II may be classified as either large, small or limited capacity.

(a) A large assisted living facility houses 17 or more residents.

(b) A small assisted living facility houses six to 16 residents.

(c) A limited capacity assisted living facility houses up to five residents.

R432-6-4. General Requirements.

(1) The licensee is responsible for assuring compliance with R432-6.

(2) If testing and certification compliance can only be verified through written documentation, the documentation shall be maintained in the facility for Department inspection.

(3) If conflicts exist between applicable codes or if other authorities having jurisdiction adopt more restrictive requirements than contained in these rules, the most restrictive requirement applies.

(4) If the Department has concerns about compliance, the licensee is responsible to demonstrate compliance.

R432-6-5. Codes and Code Compliance.

(1) The following codes and standards enforced by other agencies or jurisdictions apply to assisted living facilities. The licensee shall obtain documentation of compliance for the following codes and standards from the authority having jurisdiction and submit the documentation to the Department:

(a) Local zoning ordinances;

(b) International Building Code, 2000 edition;

(c) International Plumbing Code, 2000 edition;

(d) International Fire Code, 2000 edition; and


(2) The licensee shall obtain a certificate of occupancy from the local building official having jurisdiction.

(3) The licensee shall obtain a certificate of fire clearance from the Fire Marshal having jurisdiction.

(4) The licensee shall submit a copy of the certificates to the Department prior to resident utilization of newly constructed facilities, additions or remodels of existing facilities.

R432-6-6. Application of Codes for New and Existing Buildings.
(1) New construction, additions and remodels to existing buildings shall comply with Department rules in effect on the date the first drawings are received by the Department.

(2) If the remodeled area or addition in any building, wing, floor or service area of a building exceeds 50 percent of the total square foot area of the building, wing, floor or service area, then the entire building, wing, floor or service area shall be brought into compliance with rules governing new construction which are in effect on the date the first drawings are submitted to the Department.

(3) During remodeling, new construction or additions, the safety level which existed prior to the start of work shall be maintained.

(4) Current licensed buildings shall conform to Department construction rules in effect at the time of initial facility licensure.

(5) Buildings which are changing license classification shall comply with requirements for new construction.

(6) Buildings undergoing refurbishing shall comply with the following:

(a) All materials installed as part of a refurbishing project shall comply with flame spread ratings required by the fire marshal having jurisdiction.

(b) The facility shall keep written documentation of compliance with codes and standards.

**R432-6-7. Plans Review and Approval and Construction Inspection.**

(1) Health facilities shall obtain Department approval before occupying any newly constructed buildings or remodeled systems, or areas in existing buildings.

(2) Prior to submitting documents for plans review, the facility architect and licensee must schedule a conference with Department representatives to outline the required plans review process.

(3) The licensee shall submit the following for Department review:

(a) a functional program;

(b) schematic drawings;

(c) design development drawings; and

(d) working drawings, including specifications.

(4) The Department shall initiate its review when it receives all required documents and fees.

(5) Working drawings and specifications for new construction, additions, or remodeling shall have the seal of a Utah licensed architect affixed in compliance with Section 58-3a-602.

(6) Plans approved by the Department do not relieve the licensee of responsibility for full compliance with R432-6.

(7) Plan approval expires 12 months after the date of the Department's approval letter, or latest plan review response letter if construction has not commenced. After a 12 month lapse the licensee must resubmit plans to the Department with a new plan review paid. A new letter of approval must be obtained from the Department.

(8) The Department shall issue an initial license, renewal license, or modified license only after the Department has determined the facility conforms with applicable licensure construction rules and has obtained all required clearances and certifications.
R432-6-8. Functional Program.

(1) The licensee must furnish to the Department a functional program which includes the following:
   (a) the purpose and license category of the facility;
   (b) services offered, including a detailed description of each service;
   (c) ancillary services required to support each function or program;
   (d) services offered under contract by outside providers and the required in-house facilities to support these services;
   (e) services shared with other health care licensure categories or functions;
   (f) physical and mental condition of intended residents;
   (g) ambulatory condition of intended residents, such as mobile or ambulatory;
   (h) special electrical requirements related to resident care; and
   (i) communication systems and other special systems.

(2) The functional program must include a description of how essential core services will accommodate increased demand if the building is designed for later expansion.

R432-6-9. Drawings.

(1) Drawings shall show all equipment necessary for the operation of the facility, such as kitchen equipment, laundry equipment, and similar equipment.

(2) Schematic drawings, which may be single line, shall contain the following information:
   (a) list of applicable building codes;
   (b) location of the building on the site and access to the building for public, emergency, and service vehicles;
   (c) site drainage and any natural drainage channels which traverse the site;
   (d) any unusual site conditions, including easements which might affect the building or its appurtenances;
   (e) relationships of rooms and areas within departments;
   (f) number of resident beds; and
   (g) total building area or area of additions or remodeled portions.

(3) Design development drawings, drawn to scale, shall contain the following information:
   (a) room dimensions and room square footage;
   (b) site plan, showing relationship to streets and vehicle access;
   (c) location and size of public utilities; and
   (d) types of mechanical, electrical and auxiliary systems.

(4) Working drawings shall include all the drawings outlined above in R432-6-9(1) through (3).
   (a) The licensee shall provide one copy of completed working drawings and specifications which shows all equipment necessary for the operation of the facility such as kitchen, laundry, and other equipment.
   (b) The Bureau of Licensing will keep the final drawings for 12 months after final approval of the project. Drawings may then be returned to the owner upon request.

(5) Within 30 days after receipt of required documentation and fee, the Department shall provide to the licensee and the project architect a written report of plans review outlining necessary modifications required to comply with Department rules.
(6) If changes are necessary, the licensee shall submit revised plans for review and final approval.

**R432-6-10. Construction Inspections.**

(1) The Department may conduct interim inspections.
(2) Prior to resident utilization, the licensee shall schedule a final inspection with the Department when the project is complete and furnishings and equipment are in place.

**R432-6-11. Construction Without Plans Approval.**

(1) If construction is commenced without prior Department plans approval, the Department may issue a license and authorize resident utilization only after it has approved as-built drawings and has conducted a construction inspection.
(2) The licensee shall correct all non-compliant items and pay the full plans review fee and inspection fee.

**R432-6-12. Buildings Without Plans.**

(1) If plans are not available for existing buildings involved in initial licensing or license category change, the licensee shall submit to the Department a functional program as defined in subsection R432-6-8, and a report identifying modifications to the building required to bring it into compliance with construction rules for the requested licensure category.
(2) The Department shall review the functional program and furnish to the licensee a letter of approval or rejection within 30 days after receipt of the material. The Department may provide, at its option, a written report of modifications required to comply with construction standards.
(3) The licensee shall request and schedule a Department inspection upon completion of the modifications.
(4) Prior to a final Department inspection, the licensee shall pay the inspection fee.
(5) The Department shall issue a license when the building is in compliance with all licensing rules.

**R432-6-13. Construction Phasing.**

Projects involving remodeling or additions to an occupied building shall be programmed and phased to minimize detrimental effects to and disruption of residents and employees of the facility by protecting against construction traffic, dust, and dirt from the construction site.

**R432-6-14. Site Location.**

(1) The site shall be accessible to both visitor and service vehicles.
(2) Facilities shall be located to ensure that public utilities are available.

**R432-6-15. Site Design.**

The site design shall include the following:
(1) Surrounding land for outdoor activities;
(2) Paved roads for access to service docks and entrances;
(3) Fire equipment access as required by the fire marshal; and
(4) Paved walkways for pedestrian traffic and from every required exit to a dedicated public way.

R432-6-16. Parking.
(1) Parking requirements must comply with local zoning ordinances.
(2) Parking spaces for persons with disabilities shall be as level as practical and conform to requirements for disabled parking access as required by ADAAG.
   (a) The extra width required for disabled parking may be used as part of a common walkway.
   (b) Parking spaces for the disabled shall be directly accessible to the facility without requiring the disabled to go behind parked cars.

R432-6-17. Elevators.
All large multi-level assisted living facilities shall have an elevator which serves all levels. At least one elevator serving all levels shall accommodate a gurney with attendant and have minimum inside cab dimensions of 5'8" wide by 8'5" deep and a minimum clear door width of 3'8".

(1) Building entrances in large facilities shall be at grade level, clearly marked, and located to minimize the need for residents to traverse other program areas. A main facility entrance shall be designated and accessible to persons with disabilities.
(2) Lobbies of multi-occupancy buildings may be shared if the design precludes unrelated traffic within or through units or suites of the licensed health care facility.
(3) At least one building entrance shall be accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Entrances requiring ramps with a slope in excess of 1:20 shall have steps as well as ramps.
(4) In large facilities where all resident units do not have kitchens or toilet facilities, at least one drinking fountain or water cooler, toilet, and handwashing fixture on each floor shall be wheelchair accessible.
(5) Each resident bedroom or sleeping room shall have a wardrobe, closet, or locker for each resident occupying the unit. The closet, wardrobe or locker shall have a shelf and a hanging rod, with minimum inside dimensions of 22 inches deep by 36 inches wide by 72 inches tall, suitable for hanging full-length garments.

R432-6-19. General Standards for Details.
(1) Placement of drinking fountains, telephone booths, or vending machines shall not restrict corridor traffic or reduce required corridor width.
(2) Doors and windows shall comply with the following requirements:
   (a) Rooms which contain bathtubs, showers, or water closets for resident use shall be equipped with doors and hardware which permit emergency access.
   (b) Doors, except those to spaces such as small closets not subject to occupancy, shall not swing into corridors in a manner which will obstruct traffic or reduce corridor width. Large walk-in type closets are occupiable spaces.
   (c) Windows which open to the exterior shall be equipped with insect screens.
(d) Resident rooms and suites intended for 24-hour occupancy shall have operable windows which open to the exterior of the building or to a court open to the sky.

(e) Doors, sidelights, borrowed lights, and windows glazed to within 18 inches of the floor shall be constructed of safety glass, wired glass, or plastic break-resistant material that creates no dangerous cutting edges when broken.

(f) Safety glass, wired glass, or plastic break-resistant materials shall be used for wall openings in recreation rooms, exercise rooms, and other activity areas unless prohibited in the International Building Code.

(g) Doors used for shower and bath enclosures shall be made of safety glass or plastic glazing materials.

3. Trash chutes, laundry chutes, dumbwaiters, elevator shafts, and other similar systems shall not allow movement of contaminated air into clean areas.

4. Thresholds and expansion joint covers shall be flush with the floor surface to facilitate use of wheelchairs and carts.

5. All lavatories must be equipped with hand drying facilities.

   (a) Lavatories that are expected to serve more than one resident shall have single use paper towel dispensing units or cloth towel dispensing units that are enclosed to protect towels from being soiled. Double occupancy units are not required to provide towel dispensing units if occupied by two related persons.

   (b) Lavatories shall be anchored to withstand an applied vertical load of not less than 250 pounds on the fixture front.

R432-6-20. General Standards for Finishes.

1. Curtains and draperies shall be affixed to permanently mounted tracks or rods.

2. Floors and walls shall be designed and constructed as follows:

   (a) Floor materials shall be easily cleanable;

   (b) Floors in areas used for food preparation or food assembly shall be water-resistant. Floor surfaces, including tile joints, shall be resistant to food acids.

   (c) In areas subject to frequent wet-cleaning, floor materials shall not be physically affected by germicidal cleaning solutions.

   (d) Floors in shower and bath areas, kitchens, and similar work areas subject to traffic while wet shall have non slip surfaces.

   (e) Floors and wall bases of kitchens, toilet rooms, bath rooms, janitors' closets, and other areas subject to frequent wet cleaning shall be homogeneous with coved bases and tightly sealed seams.

   (f) Wall finishes shall be washable and, in the immediate vicinity of plumbing fixtures, smooth and moisture-resistant.

   (g) Finish, trim, floor, and wall construction in dietary and food preparation areas shall be free of insect and rodent harboring spaces.

   (h) Floor and wall openings for pipes, ducts, conduits, and joints of structural elements shall be tightly sealed to resist passage of fire and smoke and minimize entry of pests.

   (i) Carpet and padding shall be stretched taut and be free of loose edges.

   (j) Carpet pile shall be sufficiently dense so as not to interfere with the operation of wheel chairs, walkers, wheeled carts, and other wheeled equipment.

   (k) Carpet and other floor coverings shall comply with provisions of ADAAG.
(3) Ceiling finishes shall be designed and constructed as follows:
(a) Finishes of all exposed ceilings and ceiling structures in resident rooms and staff work areas shall be readily cleanable with routine housekeeping equipment.
(b) In large facilities, acoustical treatment for sound control shall be provided in areas where sound control is needed, including corridors in resident areas, dayrooms, recreation rooms, dining areas, and waiting areas.
(c) Finished ceilings may be omitted in mechanical and equipment spaces, shops, general storage areas, and similar spaces unless required for fire resistive purposes.

(4) The following signs shall be provided:
(a) general and circulation direction signs in corridors of large assisted living facilities;
(b) emergency evacuation directional signs for all facilities; and
(c) room identification signs on the corridor side of all corridor doors.

(1) Facilities and equipment shall be provided for the sanitary storage and treatment or disposal of all categories of waste, including hazardous and infectious wastes if applicable, using techniques acceptable to the State Department of Environmental Quality, and the local health department having jurisdiction.
(2) The following engineering service and equipment shall be provided for effective service and maintenance functions:
(a) rooms for mechanical equipment or electrical equipment;
(b) a storage room for building maintenance supplies;
(c) yard equipment and supply storage areas located so that equipment may be moved directly to the exterior of the building without passing through building rooms or corridors;
(d) central storage for supplies, equipment and miscellaneous storage in large and small facilities; and
(e) in large facilities, a separate maintenance room or office.
(3) In small and large facilities a housekeeping room shall be located on each floor of the assisted living facility. In large facilities this room shall have a floor receptor or service sink. All housekeeping rooms shall be mechanically exhausted.
(4) Sound Control for large assisted living facilities must be designed and constructed to meet the noise reduction criteria as outlined in Table 1.

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<td>40</td>
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(a) Sound transmission class shall be determined by tests in accordance with methods set forth in ASTM Standard E 90 and ASTM Standard E 413. Where partitions do not extend to the structure above, sound transmission through ceilings and composite STC performance must be considered.

(b) Public space includes lobbies, dining rooms, recreation rooms, treatment rooms, and similar space.

(c) Service areas include kitchens, elevators, elevator machine rooms, laundries, garages, maintenance rooms, boilers and mechanical equipment rooms, and similar spaces of high noise. Mechanical equipment located on the same floor or above resident's rooms, offices, and similarly occupied space shall be effectively isolated from the floor.

(d) Recreation rooms, exercise rooms, equipment rooms and similar spaces where impact noises may be generated may not be located directly over residents' rooms.


(1) The HVAC system design shall prevent large temperature differentials, high velocity supply, excessive noise, and air stagnation.

(2) Air supply and exhaust in rooms for which no minimum total air change rate is mandated by Table 2 may vary to zero in response to room load.

(3) Mechanical ventilation shall be provided for interior spaces independent of thermostat-controlled demands.

(a) Minimum total air change, room temperature, and temperature control shall comply with standards in Table 2.

(b) To maintain asepsis and odor control, airflow supply and exhaust shall be controlled to ensure movement of air from clean to less clean areas.

(c) Rooms containing heat-producing equipment shall be insulated and ventilated to prevent the floor surface above or the walls of adjacent occupied areas from exceeding a temperature of ten degrees Fahrenheit above ambient room temperature.

(d) All rooms and occupiable areas in the facility shall have provisions for ventilation. Natural window ventilation may be used for ventilation of nonsensitive areas and resident rooms when weather conditions permit, but mechanical ventilation shall be provided during periods of temperature extremes.

(e) The heating system shall be capable of maintaining temperatures of 80 degrees F. in areas occupied by residents.

(f) The cooling system shall be capable of maintaining temperatures of 72 degrees F. in areas occupied by residents.

(g) Equipment must be available to provide essential heating during a loss of normal heating capability. All emergency heating devices shall be approved by the local fire jurisdiction.

(h) Fans serving exhaust systems shall be located at the discharge end and shall be readily serviceable. Exhaust fans may be on the inlet side if individually ducted directly to the outside.

(i) Fresh air intakes shall be located at least 10 feet from exhaust outlets of ventilating systems, combustion equipment stacks, plumbing vents, or areas subject to vehicular exhaust or other noxious fumes.

(j) All ventilation, air conditioning systems and air delivery equipment, including through wall units, shall be equipped with filters in accordance with Table 2.
(k) Gravity exhaust may be used where conditions permit for boiler rooms, central storage, and other nonresident areas.

(l) The ventilation system shall be air tested and balanced prior to the final Department construction inspection. The initial test results and air balancing report shall be maintained for Department review.

### TABLE 2
Ventilation Requirements

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<th>AREA DESIGNATION</th>
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(m) The requirements of Table 2 do not apply to limited capacity facilities. Limited capacity facilities shall provide exhaust for kitchens and bathrooms.

(n) If an existing building bathroom or toilet room is not exhausted to the outside, the licensee may submit a Request for Agency Action Variance to the Table 2 requirements at the time of initial licensing.

(4) All areas for resident care, and those areas providing direct service or clean supplies shall provide at least one filter bed with a minimum of 30% efficiency.

(5) All administrative, bulk storage, soiled holding, food preparation and laundries shall provide at least one filter bed with a minimum of 25% efficiency.

R432-6-23. Plumbing.

(1) Showers and tubs shall have non-slip or slip-resistant surfaces.

(2) Potable water supply systems shall comply with the following requirements:
   (a) Water supply systems shall be designed with sufficient pressure to operate all fixtures and equipment during maximum demand.
   (b) Each water service main, branch main, riser, and branch to a group of fixtures shall have a stop valve. A stop valve shall be provided for each fixture. Panels shall be provided for access to valves.
   (c) All fixtures used by residents shall be trimmed with valves with cross, tee or single lever handles.

(3) Hot water systems shall meet the following requirements:
   (a) As a minimum, water-heating systems shall provide supply capacity at temperatures and amounts indicated in Table 3. Water temperature shall be measured at the point of use or inlet to equipment.

TABLE 3
Hot Water Use
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Resident Care Areas

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<th>Gallons per Hour per Bed</th>
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Temperature Centigrade

| 43 | 49 | 71 |

Temperature Fahrenheit

| 110 | 120 | 160 |

(b) Distribution systems that exceed 50 linear feet and that service resident care areas shall be under constant recirculation to provide continuous hot water to each outlet. The temperature of hot water for lavatories, showers and bathing shall not exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Thermostatically controlled automatic mixing valves may be used to maintain hot water at these temperatures.

c) 180 degrees Fahrenheit rinse water must be provided at the dishwasher if an approved low temperature chemical rinse is not utilized.

d) 160 degrees Fahrenheit hot water must be available at the laundry equipment as needed.

(4) Quantities indicated for design demand of hot water are for general reference minimums and shall not substitute for accepted engineering design procedures using actual number and types of fixtures to be installed.

(5) Drainage system shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) Building sewers shall discharge into community sewerage. Where such a system is not available, the facility shall treat its sewage in accordance with local requirements and State Department of Environmental Quality requirements.

(b) Where overhead drain piping is exposed, special provisions shall be made to protect the space below from contamination from leakage, condensation, and dust particles. Approval of special provisions in food preparation, food service areas, and food storage areas shall be obtained from the local health department.

(c) Kitchen grease trap locations shall comply with local health department rules.

(6) Dishwashers, in sink garbage disposers, and other appliances shall be National Sanitation Foundation, NSF, approved and have the NSF seal affixed.

**R432-6-24. Electrical.**

(1) In large assisted living facilities, panel boards serving normal lighting and appliance circuits shall be located on the same floor or on the same wing as the circuits served. Panels for emergency circuits, if provided, may serve the floors above and below for general resident areas and administration.

(2) Corridors shall be illuminated at night in accordance with Table 4.

(3) Light intensity shall be at or above the minimum foot-candle in accordance with Table 4. Areas not shown in Table 4, including parking lots and approaches to the building, shall have fixtures to provide light levels as recommended in IES Recommended Practice RP-20-1998, Lighting for Parking Facilities by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

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(4) Each resident room shall have a duplex grounded receptacle on every wall. If a TV jack is included, there must be an extra outlet on the wall with the TV jack.
(5) Duplex grounded receptacles for general use shall be installed no more than 50 feet apart in corridors, on either side, and within 25 feet of corridor ends.
(6) A night light shall be provided in each resident bedroom and bathroom.

**R432-6-25. Food Service.**

1. Food service facilities and equipment shall comply with R392-100, the Utah Department of Health Food Service Sanitation Rules.
2. Food service space and equipment shall be provided as follows:
   a. storage area for food supplies, including a cold storage area, for a seven-day supply of staple foods and a three-day supply of perishable foods;
   b. food preparation area;
   c. an area to serve and distribute resident meals;
   d. an area for receiving, scraping, sorting, and washing soiled dishes and tableware;
   e. a storage area for waste which is located next to an outside facility exit for direct pickup; and
   f. a space for meal planning.

**R432-6-100. Type I Facilities.**
The following sections in the 100 series apply to Type I assisted living facilities.

**R432-6-101. Occupancy Type.**
(1) Large assisted living facilities shall comply with I-1, International Building Code, requirements.
(2) Small assisted living facilities shall comply with R-4, International Building Code, requirements.
(3) Limited capacity assisted living facilities shall comply with R-3, International Building Code, requirements.

R432-6-102. Common Areas.
(1) A common room or rooms shall be provided for dining, sitting, visiting, recreation, worship, and other activities.
   (a) Common rooms shall have sufficient space and separation to promote and facilitate the activity without interfering with concurrent activities or functions in the building.
      (i) In a small facility the common rooms shall be at least 28 square feet per bed, but no less than a total of 225 square feet.
      (ii) In a large facility the common rooms shall be at least 30 square feet per bed. In a facility with 100 beds or more, the common rooms minimum square footage per bed may be reduced to 25.
   (b) Space shall be provided for necessary equipment and storage of recreational equipment and supplies.

R432-6-103. Resident Units.
(1) Minimum room areas, exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, alcoves, and vestibules, shall be 100 square feet in single-bed rooms and 80 square feet per bed in multiple-bed rooms.
   (a) The areas noted above are minimums and do not prohibit larger rooms.
   (b) Resident units may not have more than two beds per unit
(2) No room used for other purposes, such as a hall, corridor, unfinished attic, garage, storage area, shed, or similar detached building, may be used as a residents' sleeping room.
(3) No bedroom may be used as a passageway to another room, bath, or toilet other than those serving the bedroom.
(4) Bedrooms shall open directly into a corridor or common living area, but shall not open into a food preparation area.
(5) Unless furnished by the resident, the licensee shall provide for each resident a bed, comfortable chair, a chest of drawers and a reading lamp.

R432-6-104. Toilet and Bathing Facilities.
(1) Residents shall have privacy in toilet and bathrooms. Toilet and bathrooms shall be conveniently located.
(2) Resident toilet, bathtub, shower rooms, and facilities designed for use by the disabled shall comply with ADAAG.
(3) Grab bars shall be provided in all resident bathtubs and showers as required by ADAAG. At least one grab bar, which complies with ADAAG, shall be provided at the side of each resident toilet facility.
(4) Bars, including those which are an integral part of soap dishes, towel bars, and other fixtures shall be anchored to sustain a concentrated load of 250 pounds.

(5) There shall be one toilet and lavatory on each floor for each six occupants not otherwise served by toilet and lavatory in the resident rooms. A large type I assisted living facility shall have separate and additional toilet and bathing facilities for live-in family and staff.

(6) There shall be at least one bathtub or shower for each 10 residents not otherwise served by bathing facilities in resident rooms. Separate and additional facilities shall be provided for live-in family and staff. In a multistory building, there shall be at least one bathtub or shower which opens from the corridor on each floor that contains resident bedrooms not otherwise served.

(7) Each central bathroom shall have a toilet and lavatory.

(8) Toilet and bathing facilities shall not open directly into food preparation areas.

(9) All toilet, shower, and tub facilities shall have impermeable walls and surfaces that can be easily cleaned and sanitized.

(10) Showers and bathrooms shall contain recessed soap dishes.

(11) Each lavatory fixture shall have a mirror, except in food preparation areas.

R432-6-105. Service Areas.

There shall be adequate space and equipment for the following service or functions.

1. Large assisted living facilities must provide the following:
   a) an administrator's office with equipment for keeping records and supplies;
   b) an employee toilet room, lockers, and lounges, in addition to and separate from those required for the public;
   c) a public reception or information area; and
   d) housekeeping closets each with a floor receptor or service sink.

2. The following required spaces apply to all type I assisted living facilities:
   a) A secure area for administrative activities and storage for resident records;
   b) a medication-storage area including a locked drug cabinet;
   c) a closet or compartment for the staff's personal effects;
   d) a clean linen storage area;
   e) a telephone for private use by residents or visitors;
   f) at least one general use housekeeping closet accessible from a general corridor on each wing or each floor; and
   g) storage space for housekeeping equipment and supplies with a mechanical exhaust system.

R432-6-106. Linen Services.

1. Each facility shall have space and equipment to store and process clean and soiled linen as required for resident care. Laundry may be done within the facility, in a separate building, on or off site, or in a commercial or shared laundry.

2. At least one washing machine, one clothes dryer, and ironing equipment in good working order shall be available for use by residents who wish to do their personal laundry.

R432-6-107. Signal System.

1. A signal system is required for the following facilities:
(a) a large facility;
(b) a facility with bedrooms on more than one floor; and
(c) when staff are not continuously present on the same level as any resident.

(2) The signal system shall be designed to:
(a) operate from each resident's living unit, and from each bathroom or toilet room;
(b) transmit a visual or auditory signal or both to a centrally staffed location, or produce an auditory signal at the living unit loud enough to summon staff;
(c) the signal system shall be designed to turn off only at the resident calling station; and
(d) identify the location of the resident summoning help.

R432-6-200. Type II Facilities.
The following sections in the 200 series apply to Type II assisted living facilities.

R432-6-201. Occupancy Type.
(1) Large assisted living facilities shall comply with I-2 International Building Code requirements and shall have, at a minimum, 6 foot wide corridors. Area, height and story increases as permitted in the body of IBC paragraph 504.2 shall be permitted.
(2) Small assisted living facilities shall comply with I-1, International Building Code, requirements and shall have, at a minimum, six-foot wide corridors.
(3) Limited capacity assisted living facilities that house Type II assisted living residents shall comply with R-4, International Building Code requirements and shall either have an approved sprinkler system, or provide a staff to resident ratio of one to one on a 24-hour basis. Residents shall be housed on floors at grade level.

R432-6-202. Campus-Type Facilities.
(1) If a campus-type facility has separate buildings, all of the buildings shall be located on the same site within 150 feet of each other.
(2) Resident living units shall be connected to bathing facilities and common areas by enclosed temperature controlled corridors.
(3) Recreation and dining spaces that are also utilized by residents of other licensed health care facilities within the same campus may be counted in determining common area space as long as all applicable code and space requirements are met for all licensed facilities and the shared space is accessible without the need to pass through corridors or resident care areas of another licensed facility. The shared space may not account for more than fifty percent of the total common square footage required for any one licensed facility.

R432-6-203. Resident Units.
(1) Facility services shall be accessible from common areas without compromising resident privacy.
(2) Resident living units shall include room areas exclusive of space for toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, alcoves, or vestibules as follows:
(a) A single occupant unit without additional living space shall be a minimum of 120 square feet.
(b) A double occupant unit without additional living space shall be a minimum of 200 square feet.
(c) A single occupant bedroom in a unit with additional living space shall be a minimum of 100 square feet.

(d) A double occupant bedroom in a unit with additional living space shall be a minimum of 160 square feet.

(3) No space used for other purposes, such as a hall, corridor, unfinished attic, garage, storage area, shed, or similar detached building, may be used as a resident's bedroom.

(4) Bedrooms may not be used as a passageway to another room, bath, or toilet other than those serving the bedroom.

(5) Each resident living unit shall open directly into a corridor or common living area, but must not open into a food preparation area.

(6) A maximum of two residents may occupy a resident living unit.

(7) Unless furnished by the resident, the licensee shall provide for each resident a bed, comfortable chair, a chest of drawers and a reading lamp.

R432-6-204. Toilet and Bathing Facilities.

(1) If toilet and bathrooms are shared by more than one resident, the facility shall provide individual privacy.

(2) A minimum of fifty percent of all toilet rooms, bathrooms and shower rooms shall be designed in compliance with ADAAG.

(3) Public toilet rooms shall be accessible from a corridor, and shall comply with ADAAG.

(4) If the living unit includes a private bathroom, the bathroom shall contain a toilet and a lavatory.

(5) If resident living units do not have a private bathroom, the facility shall provide the following:

   (a) a toilet and lavatory for every four residents;

   (b) a bathtub or shower for every 10 residents designed to accommodate a resident in a wheelchair and space to allow staff to assist a resident in taking a shower; and

   (c) a bathroom with bathtub or shower, toilet and lavatory which open from a corridor on each floor of a multiple story facility.

(6) If resident living units have private bathrooms that do not allow staff assistance, then each floor or level shall provide a bathroom equipped with a bathtub or shower, toilet, and lavatory which opens from a corridor that provides wheelchair clearances and allows for staff assistance in bathing.

(7) Grab bars shall be provided in all resident bathtubs and showers as required by ADAAG. At least one grab bar, which complies with ADAAG, shall be provided at the side of each resident toilet facility not designed for accessibility.

(8) Toilet and bathing facilities may not open directly into food preparation areas.

(9) All toilet, shower, and tub facilities shall have impermeable walls and surfaces that may be easily cleaned and sanitized.

(10) Showers and tubs shall contain recessed soap dishes.

(11) Each lavatory fixture shall have a mirror. Mirrors over lavatories located in food preparation areas are prohibited.

(12) All lavatories shall have hand drying facilities.
(a) If lavatories are used by more than one individual, enclosed, single use paper towel dispensing units or cloth towel dispensing units or hot air drying units shall be provided.
(b) Lavatories shall be anchored to withstand an applied vertical load of 250 pounds on the front of the fixture.
(13) Bars, including those which are parts of soap dishes, towel bars, and other fixtures shall be anchored to a wall and withstand a concentrated load of 250 pounds.

R432-6-205. Common Areas.
(1) The facility shall provide a common room or rooms for dining, sitting, visiting, recreation, worship, and other activities.
(a) If concurrent activities are planned in a common room, the room shall be arranged to promote and facilitate the activities to minimize disruption through the use of physical barriers for separation.
(b) Space shall be provided for storing recreational equipment and supplies.
(2) The facility shall provide the following minimum space for recreational activities:
(a) in large facilities, 20 square feet per bed;
(b) in small facilities, 20 square feet per bed, or a minimum of 160 square feet total area whichever is greater;
(c) in a limited capacity facility, a minimum of 120 square feet.
(3) If a facility adds 40 square feet per bed to a bedroom area square footage requirement, or adds 80 square feet of recreation space in a separate living room within the resident living unit, the square footage requirements for common recreational space may be reduced by 20 square feet per licensed bed in large and small facilities, not to exceed a reduction of 50 percent of the total common area square footage.
(4) The facility shall provide the following space for dining activities:
(a) in large and small facilities, a minimum of 15 square feet per licensed bed;
(b) in limited capacity facilities, a minimum of 100 square feet.
(5) If a kitchen and a minimum of 30 square feet of dining area space are provided in a resident unit in a large or small facility, then the common dining area may be reduced by 15 square feet per licensed bed. The maximum reduction shall be 50 percent of the total required dining area.
(6) A separate private living room for family or informal gatherings shall be provided in a large facility as part of the common area space. The private living room shall be a minimum of 110 square feet. If all resident living units include additional living space, the facility is not required to provide a separate private living room.
(7) Corridors and public reception space may not be included in the calculation for required square footage for dining or recreation space.
(8) The facility shall provide ten square feet per bed, or a minimum area of 100 square feet, whichever is greater, for outdoor recreation activities.

R432-6-206. Resident Support Areas.
A large facility shall provide a nourishment station which contains a work counter, a refrigerator, a sink, and cabinets for storage. The station may be located in a single purpose room, dining room, or in a kitchen if staff has 24-hour access to the area.
R432-6-207. Administrative and General Service Areas.
(1) There shall be space and equipment for the administrative services as follows:
   (a) in large facilities, an administrative office of sufficient size to store records and
       equipment;
   (b) in small and limited capacity facilities, a designated area for administrative
       activities and record storage.
(2) Storage shall be provided for securing staff belongings as follows:
   (a) In large facilities, a room shall be provided to serve as a staff lounge with staff
       lockers for storage. A staff toilet room shall also be provided.
   (b) In small and limited care facilities, a storage area shall be identified to store staff
       belongings.
(3) A large facility shall provide a public reception or information area.
(4) A telephone shall be provided for private use by residents and visitors.

R432-6-208. Special Design Features.
(1) A signal system shall be provided to alert staff of a resident's need for help.
(2) The signal system shall be designed to:
   (a) operate from each resident's living unit and from each bath room or toilet room;
   (b) transmit a visual and auditory signal to a 24-hour staffed location, except a
       limited capacity facility signal system shall produce an auditory signal to summon staff;
   (c) identify the location of the resident summoning help; and
   (d) allow it to be turned off only at the source of the call.
(3) Large and small facilities shall provide a thermostat control in each resident
    living unit. The Department shall grant a variance upon request from the licensee to this
    requirement for an existing building seeking initial licensure.
(4) Plumbing shutoff valves shall be located on the main water supply line and at
    each fixture. In addition, large facilities shall provide an accessible shutoff valve on each
    primary hot and cold branch of the water line and shall provide a minimum of two hot and
    two cold water zones. The Department shall grant a variance upon request from the licensee
    to this requirement for an existing building seeking initial licensure.
(5) Building entrances in large and small facilities shall be at grade level, clearly
    marked, and located to minimize the need for residents to traverse other program areas. A
    main facility entrance shall be designated and accessible to persons with disabilities.
(6) Special units intended to accommodate residents with Alzheimers or Dementia
    shall comply with Section 8.8 of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and
    Health Care Facilities, 2001 edition, which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

R432-6-209. General Standards for Details.
(1) Each resident living unit entry door shall be constructed as follows:
   (a) be 36 inches wide;
   (b) open inward into the resident living unit or designed so that an outward
       swinging door does not restrict the corridor width;
   (c) be lockable, but operable from the inside by single-action lever; and
   (d) be individually keyed with the key under resident control.
(2) A master key shall be available for staff.
(3) Door handles for all doors used by residents shall be of the lever type and shall meet ADAAG requirements. Building entrances and exit doors may have panic hardware.

(4) Each door to toilet and bathing facilities shall comply with ADAAG and the following:
   (a) be equipped with hardware which permits emergency access from the outside; and
   (b) open out or be double acting.

(5) Handrails shall meet the requirements of ADAAG and be provided on both sides of all resident corridors.

R432-6-210. Linen Services.
   (1) Each facility shall have space and equipment to store and process clean and soiled linen as required for resident care. Laundry may be done within the facility, in a building on or off-site, or in a commercial or shared laundry.
   (2) If laundry is done off the site, the following shall be provided:
      (a) a room for receiving and holding soiled linen until ready for pickup or processing;
      (b) a central, clean linen storage room(s); and
      (c) a lavatory in each area where unbagged, soiled linen is handled.
   (3) If a large or small facility processes its own laundry on-site, the following shall be provided:
      (a) a laundry room for receiving, holding, washing, drying, and sorting soiled linens, with the following:
         (i) a pre-wash sink at least 13 inches deep by 20 inches wide;
         (ii) a separate hand washing sink;
         (iii) washer(s) and dryer(s); and
         (iv) storage for laundry supplies;
      (b) arrangement of equipment that will permit an orderly workflow and minimize cross-traffic that might mix clean and soiled operations; and
      (c) a central, clean linen storage room(s);
   (4) If a limited capacity facility processes its own laundry on-site, the following shall be provided:
      (a) a room to store and process both clean and soiled linen;
      (b) a washer and dryer; and
      (c) a utility sink in the laundry room.
   (5) Each facility shall provide a minimum of one washing machine, one clothes dryer, and ironing equipment in good working order for resident use.

R432-6-211. Penalties.
   Any person who violates any provision of this rule may be subject to the penalties enumerated in 26-21-11 and R432-3-6 and be punished for violation of a class A misdemeanor as provided in 26-21-16.

The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to $5,000 and deny approval for patient utilization of new or remodeled areas if a health care provider does not submit architectural drawings to the Bureau of Licensing. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to $5,000 if the licensee fails to follow Department-approved
architectural plans. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to $500 per day for each day a new or renovated area is occupied prior to Bureau of Licensing approval.

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R432-150. Nursing Care Facility.
R432-150-1. Legal Authority.
This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-150-2. Purpose.
The purpose of R432-150 is to establish health and safety standards to provide for the physical and psycho-social well being of individuals receiving services in nursing care facilities.

Nursing Care Facilities shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with R432-5, Nursing Facility Construction.

(1) The definitions found in R432-1-3 apply to this rule.
(2) The following definitions apply to nursing care facilities.
(a) "Skilled Nursing Care" means a level of care that provides 24 hour inpatient care to residents who need licensed nursing supervision. The complexity of the prescribed services must be performed by or under the close supervision of licensed health care personnel.
(b) "Intermediate Care" means a level of care that provides 24-hour inpatient care to residents who need licensed supervision and supportive care, but do not require continuous nursing care.
(c) "Medically-related Social Services" means assistance provided by the facility licensed social worker to maintain or improve each resident's ability to control everyday physical, mental and psycho-social needs.
(d) "Nurse's Aide" means any individual, other than an individual licensed in another category, providing nursing or nurse related services to residents in a facility. This definition does not include an individual who volunteers to provide such services without pay.
(e) "Unnecessary Drug" means any drug when used in excessive dose, for excessive duration, without adequate monitoring, without adequate indications for its use, in the presence of adverse consequences which indicate the dose should be reduced or discontinued, or any combinations of these reasons.
(f) "Chemical Restraint" means any medication administered to a resident to control or restrict the resident's physical, emotional, or behavioral functioning for the convenience of staff, for punishment or discipline, or as a substitute for direct resident care.

(g) "Physical Restraint" means any physical method or physical or mechanical device, material, or equipment attached or adjacent to the resident's body that the resident cannot remove easily which restricts the resident's freedom of movement or normal access to his own body.

(h) "Significant Change" means a major change in a resident's status that impacts on more than one area of the resident's health status.

(i) "Therapeutic Leave" means leave pertaining to medical treatment planned and implemented to attain an objective that is specified in the individual plan of care.

(j) "Licensed Practitioner" means a health care practitioner whose license allows assessment, treatment, or prescribing practices within the scope of the license and established protocols.

(k) "Governing Body" means the board of trustees, owner, person or persons designated by the owner with the legal authority and ultimate responsibility for the management, control, conduct and functioning of the health care facility or agency.

(l) "Nursing Staff" means nurses aides that are in the process of becoming certified, certified nurses aides, and those individuals that are licensed (e.g. licensed practical nurses and registered nurses) to provide nursing care in the State of Utah.

(m) "Licensed Practical Nurse" as defined in the Nurse Practice Act, Title 58, Chapter 31, Section 2(11).

(n) "Registered Nurse" as defined in the Nurse Practice Act, Title 58, Chapter 31, Section 2(12).

(o) "Palatable" means food that has a pleasant and agreeable taste and is acceptable to eat.

(p) "Dining Assistant" means an individual unrelated to a resident or patient who meets the training requirements defined in this rule to assist nursing care residents with eating and drinking.

**R432-150-5. Scope of Services.**

1. An intermediate level of care facility must provide 24-hour licensed nursing services.

   a. The facility shall ensure that nursing staff are present on the premises at all times to meet the needs of residents.

   b. The facility shall provide at least one registered nurse either by direct employ or by contract to provide direction to nursing services.

   c. The facility may employ a licensed practical nurse to act as the health services supervisor in lieu of a director of nursing provided that a registered nurse consultant meets regularly with the health services supervisor.

   d. The facility shall provide at least the following:

      i. medical supervision;
      ii. dietary services;
      iii. social services; and
      iv. recreational therapy.

   e. The following services shall be provided as required in the resident care plan:
(i) physical therapy;
(ii) occupational therapy;
(iii) speech therapy;
(iv) respiratory therapy; and
(v) other therapies.

(2) A skilled level of care facility must provide 24-hour licensed nursing services.

(a) The facility shall ensure that nursing staff are present on the premises at all times to meet the needs of residents.

A licensed nurse shall serve as charge nurse on each shift.

(b) The facility shall employ a registered nurse for at least eight consecutive hours a day, seven days a week.

(c) The facility shall designate a registered nurse to serve as the director of nursing on a full-time basis. A person may not concurrently serve as the director of nursing and as a charge nurse.

(d) A skilled level of care facility shall provide services to residents that preserve current capabilities and prevent further deterioration including the following:

(i) medical supervision;
(ii) dietary services;
(iii) physical therapy;
(iv) social services;
(v) recreation therapy;
(vi) dental services; and
(vii) pharmacy services;

(e) The facility shall provide the following services as required by the resident care plan:

(i) respiratory therapy,
(ii) occupational therapy, and
(iii) speech therapy.

(3) Respite services may be provided in nursing care facilities.

(a) The purpose of respite is to provide intermittent, time-limited care to give primary caretakers relief from the demands of caring for a person.

(b) Respite services may be provided at an hourly rate or daily rate, but shall not exceed 14-days for any single respite stay. A respite stay which exceeds 14 days is a nursing facility admission subject to the requirements of this rule applicable to non-respite residents.

(c) The facility shall coordinate the delivery of respite services with the recipient of services, the case manager, if one exists, and the family member or primary caretaker.

(d) The facility shall document the person's response to the respite placement and coordinate with all provider agencies to ensure an uninterrupted service delivery program.

(e) The facility must complete the following:

(i) a Level 1 Preadmission Screening upon the persons admission for respite services; and

(ii) a service agreement to serve as the plan of care, which shall identify the prescribed medications, physician treatment orders, need for assistance with activities of daily living, and diet orders.
(f) The facility must have written respite care policies and procedures that are available to staff. Respite care policies and procedures must address:
   (i) medication administration;
   (ii) notification of a responsible party in the case of an emergency;
   (iii) service agreement and admission criteria;
   (iv) behavior management interventions;
   (v) philosophy of respite services;
   (vi) post-service summary;
   (vii) training and in-service requirement for employees; and
   (viii) handling personal funds.

(g) Persons receiving respite services must receive a copy of the Resident Rights documents upon admission.

(h) The facility must maintain a record for each person receiving respite services. The record shall contain the following:
   (i) the service agreement;
   (ii) resident demographic information;
   (iii) nursing notes;
   (iv) physician treatment orders;
   (v) daily staff notes;
   (vi) accident and injury reports,
   (vii) a post service summary, and
   (viii) an advanced directive, if available.

(i) Retention and storage of respite records shall comply with R432-150-25(3).

(j) Confidentiality and release of information shall comply with R432-150-25(4).

(4) Hospice care may only be arranged and provided by a licensed hospice agency in accordance with R432-750. The facility shall be licensed as a hospice if it provides hospice care.

(5) A nursing care facility may provide terminal care.

R432-150-6. Adult Day Care Services.

(1) Nursing Care Facilities may offer adult day care and are not required to obtain a license from Utah Department of Human Services. If a facility provides adult day care, it shall submit policies and procedures for Department approval.

(2) In this section:
   (a) "Adult Day Care" means nonresidential care and supervision for at least four but less than 24 hours per day, that meets the needs of functionally impaired adults through a comprehensive program that provides a variety of health, social, recreational, and related support services in a protective setting.
   (b) "Consumer" means a functionally impaired adult admitted to or being evaluated for admission in a facility offering adult day care.

(3) The governing board shall designate a qualified Director to be responsible for the day-to-day program operation.

(4) The Director shall maintain written records on-site for each consumer and staff person, which shall include the following:
   (a.) demographic information;
   (b.) an emergency contact with name, address and telephone number;
(c.) consumer health records, including the following:
   (i) record of medication including dosage and administration;
   (ii) a current health assessment, signed by a licensed practitioner; and
   (iii) level of care assessment.
(d.) signed consumer agreement and service plan.
(e) employment file for each staff person which includes:
   (i) health history;
   (ii) background clearance consent and release form;
   (iii) orientation completion, and
   (iv) in-service requirements.
(5) The facility shall have a written eligibility, admission, and discharge policy that
includes the following:
   (a) intake process;
   (b) notification of responsible party;
   (c) reasons for admission refusal, including the Director's written, signed statement;
   (d) resident rights notification; and
   (e) reason for discharge or dismissal.
(6) Before a facility admits a consumer, it must first assess, in writing, the
consumer's current health and medical history, immunizations, legal status, and social
psychological factors to determine whether the consumer may be placed in the program.
(7) The Director or designee, the responsible party, and the consumer if competent
shall develop a written, signed consumer agreement. The agreement shall include:
   (a) rules of the program;
   (b) services to be provided and cost of service, including refund policy; and
   (c) arrangements regarding absenteeism, visits, vacations, mail, gifts and telephone
calls.
(8) Within three days of admission to the program, the Director or designee, shall
develop an individual consumer service plan that the facility shall implement for the
consumer. The service plan shall include the specification of daily activities and services.
The Director or designees shall reevaluate, and modify if necessary, the consumer's service
plan at least every six months.
(9) The facility shall make written incident and injury reports to document
consumer death, injuries, elopement, fights or physical confrontations, situations which
require the use of passive physical restraint, suspected abuse or neglect, and other situations
or circumstances affecting the health, safety or well-being of a consumer while in care. The
facility shall document the actions taken, including actions taken to avoid future incident or
injury, and keep the reports on file. The Director shall notify and review the incident or
injury report with the responsible party no later than when the consumer is picked up at the
end of the day.
(10) The facility shall post and implement a daily activity schedule.
(11) Consumers shall receive direct supervision at all times and be encouraged to
participate in activities.
(12) There shall be a minimum of 50 square feet of indoor floor space, excluding
hallways, office, storage, kitchens, and bathrooms, per consumer designated for adult day
care during program operational hours.
(13) All indoor and outdoor areas shall be maintained in a clean, secure and safe condition.

(14) There shall be at least one bathroom designated for consumers use during business hours. For facilities serving more than 10 consumers, there shall be separate male and female bathrooms designated for consumer use.

(15) Staff supervision shall be provided continually when consumers are present.
   (a) When eight or fewer consumers are present, one staff member shall provide continuous, direct supervision.
   (b) For each eight additional consumers, or fraction thereof, the facility shall provide an additional staff member to provide continuous, direct supervision. For example, ten consumers require two staff members.
   (c) If one-half or more of the consumers is diagnosed by a physician's assessment with Alzheimer's or other dementia, the ratio shall be one staff for each six consumers, or fraction thereof.


The facility must have a governing body, or designated persons functioning as a governing body.

   (1) The governing body must establish and implement policies regarding the management and operation of the facility.

   (2) The governing body shall institute bylaws, policies and procedures relative to the general operation of all facility services including the health care of the residents and the protection of resident rights.

   (3) The governing body must appoint the administrator in writing.


   (1) The administrator must comply with the following requirements.
      (a) The administrator must be licensed as a health facility administrator by the Utah Department of Commerce pursuant to Title 58, Chapter 15.
      (b) The administrator's license shall be posted in a place readily visible to the public.
      (c) The administrator may supervise no more than one nursing care facility.
      (d) The administrator shall have sufficient freedom from other responsibilities to permit attention to the management and administration of the facility.
      (e) The administrator shall designate, in writing, the name and title of the person who shall act as administrator in any temporary absence of the administrator. This person shall have the authority and freedom to act in the best interests of resident safety and well-being. It is not the intent of this paragraph to permit an unlicensed de facto administrator to supplant or replace the designated, licensed administrator.

   (2) The administrator's responsibilities must be defined in a written job description on file in the facility. The job description shall include at least the following responsibilities:
      (a) complete, submit, and file all records and reports required by the Department;
      (b) act as a liaison between the licensee, medical and nursing staffs, and other supervisory staff of the facility;
      (c) respond to recommendations made by the quality assurance committee;
(d) implement policies and procedures governing the operation of all functions of the facility; and
(e) review all incident and accident reports and document the action taken or reason for no action.

(3) The administrator shall ensure that facility policies and procedures reflect current facility practice, and are revised and updated as needed.

(4) The administrator shall secure and update contracts for required professional services not provided directly by the facility.
   (a) Contracts shall document the following:
      (i) the effective and expiration date of contract;
      (ii) a description of goods or services provided by the contractor to the facility;
      (iii) a statement that the contractor shall conform to the standards required by Utah law or rules;
      (iv) a provision to terminate the contract with advance notice;
      (v) the financial terms of the contract;
      (vi) a copy of the business or professional license of the contractor; and
      (vii) a provision to report findings, observations, and recommendations to the administrator on a regular basis.
   (b) Contracts shall be signed, dated and maintained for review by the Department.

(5) The administrator shall maintain a written transfer agreement with one or more hospitals to facilitate the transfer of residents and essential resident information. The transfer agreement must include:
   (a) criteria for transfer;
   (b) method of transfer;
   (c) transfer of information needed for proper care and treatment of the resident transferred;
   (d) security and accountability of personal property of the resident transferred;
   (e) proper notification of hospital and responsible person before transfer;
   (f) the facility responsible for resident care during the transfer; and
   (g) resident confidentiality.

R432-150-9. Medical Director.

(1) The administrator must retain by formal agreement a licensed physician to serve as medical director or advisory physician according to resident and facility needs.

(2) The medical director or advisory physician shall:
   (a) be responsible for the development of resident care policies and procedures including the delineation of responsibilities of attending physicians;
   (b) review current resident care policies and procedures with the administrator;
   (c) serve as a liaison between resident physicians and the administrator;
   (d) review incident and accident reports at the request of the administrator to identify health hazards to residents and employees and;
   (e) act as consultant to the director of nursing or the health services supervisor in matters relating to resident care policies.

R432-150-10. Staff and Personnel.
(1) The administrator shall employ personnel who are able and competent to perform their respective duties, services, and functions.
   (a) The administrator, director of nursing or health services supervisor, and department supervisors shall develop job descriptions for each position including job title, job summary, responsibilities, qualifications, required skills and licenses, and physical requirements.
   (b) All personnel must have access to facility policy and procedure manuals and other information necessary to effectively perform duties and carry out responsibilities.
   (c) All personnel must be licensed, certified or registered as required by the Utah Department of Commerce. A copy of the license, certification or registration shall be maintained for Department review.

(2) The facility shall maintain staffing records, including employee performance evaluations, for the preceding 12 months.

(3) The facility shall establish a personnel health program through written personnel health policies and procedures.

(4) The facility shall complete a health evaluation and inventory for each employee upon hire.
   (a) The health inventory shall obtain at least the employee's history of the following:
      i) conditions that predispose the employee to acquiring or transmitting infectious diseases; and
      ii) conditions which may prevent the employee from performing certain assigned duties satisfactorily.
   (b) The health inventory shall include health screening and immunization components of the employee's personnel health program.
   (c) Infection control shall include staff immunization as necessary to prevent the spread of disease.
   (d) Employee skin testing and follow up for tuberculosis shall be done in accordance with R388-804. Tuberculosis Control Rule.
   (e) All infections and communicable diseases reportable by law shall be reported by the facility to the local health department in accordance with R386-702-2.

(5) The facility shall plan and document in-service training for all personnel.
   (a) The following topics shall be addressed at least annually:
      i) fire prevention;
      ii) review and drill of emergency procedures and evacuation plan;
      iii) the reporting of resident abuse, neglect or exploitation to the proper authorities;
      iv) prevention and control of infections;
      v) accident prevention and safety procedures including instruction in body mechanics for all employees required to lift, turn, position, or ambulate residents; and proper safety precautions when floors are wet or waxed;
      vi) training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for licensed nursing personnel and others as appropriate;
      vii) proper use and documentation of restraints;
      viii) resident rights;
      ix) A basic understanding of the various types of mental illness, including symptoms, expected behaviors and intervention approaches; and
      x) confidentiality of resident information.
(6) Any person who provides nursing care, including nurse aides and orderlies, must work under the supervision of an RN or LPN and shall demonstrate competency and dependability in resident care.

(a) A facility may not have an employee working in the facility as a nurse aide for more than four months, on full-time, temporary, per diem, or other basis, unless that individual has successfully completed a State Department of Education-approved training and testing program.

(b) The facility shall verify through the nurse aide registry prior to employment that nurse aide applicants do not have a verified report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. If such a verified report exists, the facility may not hire the applicant.

(c) If an individual has not performed paid nursing or nursing related services for a continuous period of 24 consecutive months since the most recent completion of a training and competency evaluation program, the facility shall require the individual to complete a new training and competency evaluation program.

(d) The facility shall conduct regular performance reviews and regular in-service education to ensure that individuals used as nurse aides are competent to perform services as nurse aides.

(7) The facility may utilize volunteers in the daily activities of the facility provided that volunteers are not included in the facility's staffing plan in lieu of facility employees.

(a) Volunteers shall be supervised and familiar with resident's rights and the facility's policies and procedures.

(b) Volunteers who provide personal care to residents shall be screened according to facility policy and under the direct supervision of a qualified employee.

(8) An employee who reports suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall not be subject to retaliation, disciplinary action, or termination by the facility for making the report.


(1) The administrator must implement a well-defined quality assurance plan designed to improve resident care. The plan must:

(a) include a system for the collection of data indicators;

(b) include an incident reporting system to identify problems, concerns, and opportunities for improvement of resident care;

(c) implement a system to assess identified problems, concerns and opportunities for improvement; and

(d) implement actions that are designed to eliminate identified problems and improve resident care.

(2) The plan must include a quality assurance committee that functions as follows:

(a) documents committee meeting minutes including all corrective actions and results;

(b) conducts quarterly meetings and reports findings, concerns and actions to the administrator and governing body; and

(c) coordinates input of data indicators from all provided services and other departments as determined by the resident plan of care and facility scope of services.

(3) Incident and accident reports shall:

(a) be available for Department review;

(b) be numbered and logged in a manner to account for all filed reports; and
(c) have space for written comments by the administrator or medical director.

(4) Infection reporting must be integrated into the quality assurance plan and must be reported to the Department in accordance with R386-702, Communicable Disease Rule.


(1) The facility shall establish written residents' rights.

(2) The facility shall post resident rights in areas accessible to residents. A copy of the residents' rights document shall be available to the residents, the residents' guardian or responsible person, and to the public and the Department upon request.

(3) The facility shall ensure that each resident admitted to the facility has the right to:

(a) be informed, prior to or at the time of admission and for the duration of stay, of resident rights and of all rules and regulations governing resident conduct.

(b) be informed, prior to or at the time of admission and for the duration of stay, of services available in the facility and of related charges, including any charges for services not covered by the facility's basic per diem rate or not covered under Titles XVIII or XIX of the Social Security Act.

(c) be informed by a licensed practitioner of current total health status, including current medical condition, unless medically contraindicated, the right to refuse treatment, and the right to formulate an advance directive in accordance with UCA Section 75-2-1101;

(d) be transferred or discharged only for medical reasons, for personal welfare or that of other residents, or for nonpayment for the stay, and to be given reasonable advance notice to ensure orderly transfer or discharge;

(e) be encouraged and assisted throughout the period of stay to exercise all rights as a resident and as a citizen, and to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to facility staff and outside representatives of personal choice, free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal;

(f) manage personal financial affairs or to be given at least a quarterly accounting of financial transactions made on his behalf should the facility accept his written delegation of this responsibility;

(g) be free from mental and physical abuse, and from chemical and physical restraints;

(h) be assured confidential treatment of personal and medical records, including photographs, and to approve or refuse their release to any individual outside the facility, except in the case of transfer to another health facility, or as required by law or third party payment contract;

(i) be treated with consideration, respect, and full recognition of dignity and individuality, including privacy in treatment and in care for personal needs;

(j) not be required to perform services for the facility that are not included for therapeutic purposes in the plan of care;

(k) associate and communicate privately with persons of the resident's choice, and to send and receive personal mail unopened;

(l) meet with social, religious, and community groups and participate in activities provided that the activities do not interfere with the rights of other residents in the facility;

(m) retain and use personal clothing and possessions as space permits, unless to do so would infringe upon rights of other residents;
(n) if married, to be assured privacy for visits by the spouse; and if both are residents in the facility, to be permitted to share a room;

(o) have members of the clergy admitted at the request of the resident or responsible person at any time;

(p) allow relatives or responsible persons to visit critically ill residents at any time;

(q) be allowed privacy for visits with family, friends, clergy, social workers or for professional or business purposes;

(r) have confidential access to telephones for both free local calls and for accommodation of long distance calls according to facility policy;

(s) have access to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program or representatives of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program;

(t) choose activities, schedules, and health care consistent with individual interests, assessments and care plan;

(u) interact with members of the community both inside and outside the facility; and

(v) make choices about all aspects of life in the facility that are significant to the resident.

(4) A resident has the right to organize and participate in resident and family groups in the facility.

(a) A resident's family has the right to meet in the facility with the families of other residents in the facility.

(b) The facility shall provide a resident or family group, if one exists, with private space.

(c) Staff or visitors may attend meetings at the group's invitation.

(d) The facility shall designate a staff person responsible for providing assistance and responding to written requests that result from group meetings.

(e) If a resident or family group exists, the facility shall listen to the views and act upon the grievances and recommendations of residents and families concerning proposed policy and operational decisions affecting resident care and life in the facility.

(5) The facility must accommodate resident needs and preferences, except when the health and safety of the individual or other residents may be endangered. A resident must be given at least a 24-hour notice before an involuntary room move is made in the facility.

(a) In an emergency when there is actual or threatened harm to others, property or self, the 24 hour notice requirement for an involuntary room move may be waived. The circumstances requiring the emergency room change must be documented for Department review.

(b) The facility must make and document efforts to accommodate the resident's adjustment and choices regarding room and roommate changes.

(6) If a facility is entrusted with residents' monies or valuables, the facility shall comply with the following:

(a) The licensee or facility staff may not use residents' monies or valuables as his own or mingle them with his own. Residents' monies and valuables shall be separate, intact and free from any liability that the licensee incurs in the use of his own or the institution's funds and valuables.

(b) The facility shall maintain adequate safeguards and accurate records of residents' monies and valuables entrusted to the licensee's care.
(i) Records of residents' monies which are maintained as a drawing account must include a control account for all receipts and expenditures, an account for each resident, and supporting vouchers filed in chronological order.

(ii) Each account shall be kept current with columns for debits, credits, and balance.

(iii) Records of residents' monies and other valuables entrusted to the licensee for safekeeping must include a copy of the receipt furnished to the resident or to the person responsible for the resident.

(c) The facility must deposit residents' monies not kept in the facility within five days of receipt of such funds in an interest-bearing account in a local bank or savings and loan association authorized to do business in Utah, the deposits of which shall be insured.

(d) A person, firm, partnership, association or corporation which is licensed to operate more than one health facility shall maintain a separate account for each such facility and shall not commingle resident funds from one facility with another.

(e) If the amount of residents' money entrusted to a licensee exceeds $100, the facility must deposit all money in excess of $100 in an interest-bearing account.

(f) Upon annual license renewal, the facility shall provide evidence of the purchase a surety bond or other equivalent assurance to secure all resident funds.

(g) When a resident is discharged, all money and valuables of that resident which have been entrusted to the licensee must be surrendered to the resident in exchange for a signed receipt. Money and valuables kept within the facility shall be surrendered upon demand and those kept in an interest-bearing account shall be made available within three working days.

(h) Within 30 days following the death of a resident, except in a medical examiner case, the facility must surrender all money and valuables of that resident which have been entrusted to the licensee to the person responsible for the resident or to the executor or the administrator of the estate in exchange for a signed receipt. If a resident dies without a representative or known heirs, the facility must immediately notify in writing the local probate court and the Department. (7) Facility smoking policies must comply with the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act, R392-510, 1995 and the rules adopted there under and Section 31-4.4 of the 1994 Life Safety Code.


(1) The facility shall upon admission obtain physician orders for the resident's immediate care.

(2) The facility must complete a comprehensive assessment of each resident's needs including a description of the resident's capability to perform daily life functions and significant impairments in functional capacity.

(a) The comprehensive assessment must include at least the following information:

(i) medically defined conditions and prior medical history;

(ii) medical status measurement;

(iii) physical and mental functional status;

(iv) sensory and physical impairments;

(v) nutritional status and requirements;

(vi) special treatments or procedures;

(vii) mental and psycho social status;

(viii) discharge potential;
(ix) dental condition;
(x) activities potential;
(xi) rehabilitation potential;
(xii) cognitive status; and
(xiii) drug therapy.

(b) The facility must complete the initial assessment within 14 calendar days of admission and any revisions to the initial assessment within 21 calendar days of admission.

(c) A significant change in a resident's physical or mental condition requires an interdisciplinary team review and may require the facility to complete a new assessment within 14 calendar days of the condition change.

(d) At a minimum, the facility must complete three quarterly reviews and one full assessment in each 12 month period.

(e) The facility shall use the results of the assessment to develop, review, and revise the resident's comprehensive care plan.

(3) Each individual who completes a portion of the assessment must sign and certify the accuracy of that portion of the assessment.

(4) The facility must develop a comprehensive care plan for each resident that includes measurable objectives and timetables to meet a resident's medical, nursing, and mental and psycho-social needs as identified in the comprehensive assessment.

(a) The comprehensive care plan shall be:

(i) developed within seven days after completion of the comprehensive assessment;

(ii) prepared with input from an interdisciplinary team that includes the attending physician, the registered nurse having responsibility for the resident, and other appropriate staff in disciplines determined by the resident's needs, and with the participation of the resident, and the resident's family or guardian, to the extent practicable; and

(iii) periodically reviewed and revised by a team of qualified persons at least after each assessment and as the resident's condition changes.

(b) The services provided or arranged by the facility shall meet professional standards of quality and be provided by qualified persons in accordance with the resident's written care plan.

(5) The facility must prepare at the time of discharge a final summary of the resident's status to include items in R432-150-13(2)(a). The final summary shall be available for release to authorized persons and agencies, with the consent of the resident or representative.

(a) The final summary must include a post-discharge care plan developed with the participation of the resident and resident's family or guardian.

(b) If the discharge of the resident is based on the inability of the facility to meet the resident's needs, the final summary must contain a detailed explanation of why the resident's needs could not be met.


(1) Each resident has the right to be free from physical restraints imposed for purposes of discipline or convenience, or not required to treat the resident's medical symptoms.

(2) The facility must have written policies and procedures regarding the proper use of restraints.
(a) Physical and chemical restraints may only be used to assist residents to attain and maintain optimum levels of physical and emotional functioning.
(b) Physical and chemical restraints must not be used as substitutes for direct resident care, activities, or other services.
(c) Restraints must not unduly hinder evacuation of the resident in the event of fire or other emergency.
(d) If use of a physical or a chemical restraint is implemented, the facility must inform the resident, next of kin, and the legally designated representative of the reasons for the restraint, the circumstances under which the restraint shall be discontinued, and the hazards of the restraint, including potential physical side effects.

3) The facility must develop and implement policies and procedures that govern the use of physical and chemical restraints. These policies shall promote optimal resident function in a safe, therapeutic manner and minimize adverse consequences of restraint use.

4) Physical and chemical restraint policies must incorporate and address at least the following:
   (a) resident assessment criteria which includes:
      (i) appropriateness of use;
      (ii) procedures for use;
      (iii) purpose and nature of the restraint;
      (iv) less restrictive alternatives prior to the use of more restrictive measures; and
      (v) behavior management and modification protocols including possible alterations to the physical environment;
   (b) examples of the types of restraints and safety devices that are acceptable for the use indicated and possible resident conditions for which the restraint may be used; and
   (c) physical restraint guidelines for periodic release and position change or exercise, with instructions for documentation of this action.

5) Emergency use of physical and chemical restraints must comply with the following:
   (a) A physician, a licensed health practitioner, the director of nursing, or the health services supervisor must authorize the emergency use of restraints.
   (b) The facility must notify the attending physician as soon as possible, but at least within 24 hours of the application of the restraints.
   (c) The facility must notify the director of nursing or health services supervisor no later than the beginning of the next day shift of the application of the restraints.
   (d) The facility must document in the resident's record the circumstances necessitating emergency use of the restraint and the resident's response.

6) Physical restraints must be authorized in writing by a licensed practitioner and incorporated into the resident's plan of care.
   (a) The interdisciplinary team must review and document the use of physical restraints, including simple safety devices, during each resident care conference, and upon receipt of renewal orders from the licensed practitioner.
   (b) The resident care plan must indicate the type of physical restraint or safety device, the length of time to be used, the frequency of release, and the type of exercise or ambulation to be provided.
   (c) Staff application of physical restraints must ensure minimal discomfort to the resident and allow sufficient body movement for proper circulation.
(d) Staff application of physical restraints must not cause injury or allow a potential for injury.

(e) Leather restraints, straight jackets, or locked restraints are prohibited.

(7) Chemical restraints must be authorized in writing by a licensed practitioner and incorporated into the resident's plan of care in conjunction with an individualized behavior management program.

(a) The interdisciplinary team must review and document the use of chemical restraints during each resident care conference and upon receipt of renewal orders from the licensed practitioner.

(b) The facility must monitor each resident receiving chemical restraints for adverse effects that significantly hinder verbal, emotional, or physical abilities.

(c) Any medication given to a resident must be administered according to the requirements of professional and ethical practice and according to the policies and procedures of the facility.

(d) The facility must initiate drug holidays in accordance with R432-150-15(13)(b).

(8) Facility policy must include criteria for admission and retention of residents who require behavior management programs.

**R432-150-15. Quality of Care.**

(1) The facility must provide to each resident, the necessary care and services to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psycho-social well-being, in accordance with the comprehensive assessment and care plan.

(a) Necessary care and services include the resident's ability to:

(i) bathe, dress, and groom;

(ii) transfer and ambulate;

(iii) use the toilet;

(iv) eat; and

(v) use speech, language, or other functional communication systems.

(b) Based on the resident's comprehensive assessment, the facility must ensure that:

(i) each resident's abilities in activities of daily living do not diminish unless circumstances of the individual's clinical condition demonstrates that diminution was unavoidable;

(ii) each resident is given the treatment and services to maintain or improve his abilities; and

(iii) a resident who is unable to carry out these functions receives the necessary services to maintain good nutrition, grooming, and personal and oral hygiene.

(2) The facility must assist residents in scheduling appointments and arranging transportation for vision and hearing care as needed.

(3) The facility's comprehensive assessment of a resident must include an assessment of pressure sores. The facility must ensure that:

(a) a resident who enters the facility without pressure sores does not develop pressure sores unless the individual's clinical condition demonstrates that they were unavoidable; and

(b) a resident having pressure sores receives the necessary treatment and services to promote healing, prevent infection, and prevent new sores from developing.
(4) The facility's comprehensive assessment of the resident must include an assessment of incontinence. The facility must ensure that:
   (a) a resident who is incontinent of either bowel or bladder, or both, receives the treatment and services to restore as much normal functioning as possible;
   (b) a resident who enters the facility without an indwelling catheter is not catheterized unless the resident's clinical condition demonstrates that catheterization is necessary;
   (c) a resident who is incontinent of bladder receives appropriate treatment and services to prevent urinary tract infections; and
   (d) a licensed nurse must complete a written assessment to determine the resident's ability to participate in a bowel and bladder management program.

(5) The facility must assess each resident to ensure that:
   (a) a resident who enters the facility without a limited range of motion does not experience reduction in range of motion unless the resident's clinical condition demonstrates that a reduction in range of motion is unavoidable; and
   (b) a resident with a limited range of motion receives treatment and services to increase range of motion or to prevent further decrease in range of motion.

(6) The facility must ensure that the psycho-social function of the resident remains at or above the level at the time of admission, unless the individual's clinical condition demonstrates that a reduction in psycho-social function was unavoidable. The facility shall ensure that:
   (a) a resident who displays psycho-social adjustment difficulty receives treatment and services to achieve as much re-motivation and reorientation as possible; and
   (b) a resident whose assessment does not reveal a psycho-social adjustment difficulty does not display a pattern of decreased social interaction, increased withdrawn anger, or depressive behaviors, unless the resident's clinical condition demonstrates that such a pattern is unavoidable.

(7) The facility must assess alternative feeding methods to ensure that:
   (a) a resident who has been able to eat enough alone or with assistance is not fed by naso-gastric tube unless the resident's clinical condition demonstrates that use of a naso-gastric tube is unavoidable; and
   (b) a resident who is fed by a naso-gastric or gastrostomy tube receives the treatment and services to prevent aspiration pneumonia, diarrhea, vomiting, dehydration, metabolic abnormalities, and nasal-pharyngeal ulcers and to restore, if possible, normal feeding function.

(8) The facility must maintain the resident environment to be as free of accident hazards as is possible.

(9) The facility must provide each resident with adequate supervision and assistive devices to prevent accidents.

(10) Each resident's comprehensive assessment must include an assessment on nutritional status. The facility must ensure that each resident:
   (a) maintains acceptable nutritional status parameters, such as body weight and protein levels, unless the resident's clinical condition demonstrates that this is not possible; and
   (b) receives a therapeutic diet when there is a nutritional problem.
(11) The facility must provide each resident with sufficient fluid intake to maintain proper hydration and health. 

(12) The facility must ensure that residents receive proper treatment and care for the following special services:
   (a) injections;
   (b) parenteral and enteral fluids;
   (c) colostomy, ureterostomy, or ileostomy care;
   (d) tracheostomy care;
   (e) tracheal suctioning;
   (f) respiratory care;
   (g) foot care; and
   (h) prostheses care.

(13) Each resident's drug regimen must be free from unnecessary drugs and the facility shall ensure that:
   (a) residents who have not used anti-psychotic drugs are not given these drugs unless anti-psychotic drug therapy is necessary to treat a specific condition as diagnosed and documented in the clinical record; and
   (b) residents who use anti-psychotic drugs receive gradual dose reductions and behavioral interventions, unless clinically contraindicated in an effort to discontinue these drugs.

(14) The quality assurance committee must monitor medication errors to ensure that:
   (a) the facility does not have medication error rates of five percent or greater;
   (b) residents are free of any significant medication errors.


(1) A physician must personally approve in writing a recommendation that an individual be admitted to a nursing care facility.
   (a) Each resident must remain under the care of a physician licensed in Utah to deliver the scope of services required by the resident.
   (b) Nurse practitioners or physician assistants, working under the direction of a licensed physician may initiate admission to a nursing care facility pending personal review by the physician.

(2) The facility must provide supervision to ensure that the medical care of each resident is supervised by a physician. When a resident's attending physician is unavailable, another qualified physician must supervise the medical care of the resident.

(3) The physician must:
   (a) review the resident's total program of care, including medications and treatments, at each visit;
   (b) write, sign, and date progress notes at each visit;
   (c) indicate, in writing, direction and supervision of health care provided to residents by nurse practitioners or physician assistants; and
   (d) sign all orders.

(4) Physician visits must conform to the following:
   (a) The physician shall notify the facility of the name of the nurse practitioner or physician assistant who is providing care to the resident at the facility.
(b) Each resident must be seen by a physician at least once every 30 days for the first 90 days after admission, and at least every 60 days thereafter.

(c) Physician visits must be completed within ten days of the date the visit is required.

(d) Except as required by R432-150-16(4)(f), all required physician visits must be made by the physician.

(e) At the option of the physician, required visits after the initial visit may alternate between personal visits by the physician and visits by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

5. The facility must provide or arrange for the provision of physician services 24 hours a day in case of an emergency.

R432-150-17. Social Services.

Each nursing care facility must provide or arrange for medical social services sufficient to meet the needs of the residents. Social services must be under the direction of a therapist licensed in accordance with Title 58 Chapter 60 of the Mental Health Practice Act.

R432-150-18. Laboratory Services.

1. The facility must provide laboratory services in accordance with the size and needs of the facility.

2. Laboratory services must comply with the requirements of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA). CLIA inspection reports shall be available for Department review.


1. The facility must provide or obtain by contract routine and emergency drugs, biologicals, and pharmaceutical services to meet resident needs.

2. The facility must employ or obtain the services of a licensed pharmacist who:
   (a) provides consultation on all aspects of pharmacy services in the facility;
   (b) establishes a system of records of receipt and disposition of all controlled substances which documents an accurate reconciliation; and
   (c) determines that drug records are in order and that an account of all controlled substances is maintained and reconciled monthly.

3. The drug regimen of each resident must be reviewed at least once a month by a licensed pharmacist.
   (a) The pharmacist must report any irregularities to the attending physician and the director of nursing or health services supervisor.
   (b) The physician and the director of Nursing or health services supervisor must indicate acceptance or rejection of the report and document any action taken.

4. Pharmacy personnel must ensure that labels on drugs and biologicals are in accordance with currently accepted professional principles, and include the appropriate accessory and cautionary instructions, and the expiration date.

5. The facility must store all drugs and biologicals in locked compartments under proper temperature controls according to R432-150-19 (6)(e), and permit only authorized personnel to have access to the keys.
(a) The facility must provide separately locked, permanently affixed compartments for storage of controlled substances listed in Schedule II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1976 and other drugs subject to abuse, except when the facility uses single unit dose package drug distribution systems in which the quantity stored is minimal and a missing dose can be readily detected.

(b) Non-medication materials that are poisonous or caustic may not be stored with medications.

(c) Containers must be clearly labeled.

(d) Medication intended for internal use shall be stored separately from medication intended for external use.

(e) Medications stored at room temperature shall be maintained within 59 and 80 degrees F.

(f) Refrigerated medications shall be maintained within 36 and 46 degrees F.

6. The facility must maintain an emergency drug supply.

(a) Emergency drug containers shall be sealed to prevent unauthorized use.

(b) Contents of the emergency drug supply must be listed on the outside of the container and the use of contents shall be documented by the nursing staff.

(c) The emergency drug supply shall be stored and located for access by the nursing staff.

(d) The pharmacist must inventory the emergency drug supply monthly.

(e) Used or outdated items shall be replaced within 72 hours by the pharmacist.

7. The pharmacy must dispense and the facility must ensure that necessary drugs and biologicals are provided on a timely basis.

8. The facility must limit the duration of a drug order in the absence of the prescriber's specific instructions.

9. Drug references must be available for all drugs used in the facility. References shall include generic and brand names, available strength and dosage forms, indications and side effects, and other pharmacological data.

10. Drugs may be sent with the resident upon discharge if so ordered by the discharging physician provided that:

(a) such drugs are released in compliance R156-17a-619; and

(b) a record of the drugs sent with the resident is documented in the resident's health record.

11. Disposal of controlled substances must be in accordance with the Pharmacy Practice Act.


1. The facility shall provide for an ongoing program of individual and group activities and therapeutic interventions designed to meet the interests, and attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psycho-social well-being of each resident in accordance with the comprehensive assessment.

(a) Recreation therapy shall be provided in accordance with Title 58, Chapter 40, Recreational Therapy Practice Act.

(b) The recreation therapy staff must:

(i) develop monthly activity calendars for residents activities; and
(ii) post the calendar in a prominent location to be available to residents, staff, and visitors.

2. Each facility must provide sufficient space and a variety of supplies and resource equipment to meet the recreational needs and interests of the residents.

3. Storage must be provided for recreational equipment and supplies. Locked storage must be provided for potentially dangerous items such as scissors, knives, and toxic materials.


1. Each facility must develop a written policy regarding pets in accordance with local ordinances.

2. The administrator or designee must determine which pets may be brought into the facility. Family members may bring resident's pets to visit provided they have approval from the administrator and offer assurance that the pets are clean, disease free, and vaccinated.

3. Pets are not permitted in food preparation or storage areas. Pets are not permitted in any area where their presence would create a health or safety risk.


1. Each facility must develop written admission, transfer and discharge policies and make these policies available to the public upon request. The facility must permit each resident to remain in the facility, and not transfer or discharge the resident from the facility unless:

   a. The transfer or discharge is necessary for the resident's welfare and the resident's needs cannot be met in the facility;
   b. The transfer or discharge is appropriate because the resident's health has improved sufficiently so the resident no longer needs the services provided by the facility;
   c. The safety of individuals in the facility is endangered;
   d. The health of individuals in the facility is endangered;
   e. The resident has failed, after reasonable and appropriate notice, to pay for a stay at the facility; or
   f. The facility ceases to operate.

2. The facility must document resident transfers or discharges under any of the circumstances specified in R432-150-22(1)(a) through (f), in the resident's medical record. The transfer or discharge documentation must be made by:

   a. the resident's physician if transfer or discharge is necessary under R432-150-22(1)(a) and (b);
   b. a physician if transfer or discharge is necessary under R432-150-22(1)(c) and (d).

3. Prior to the transfer or discharge of a resident, the facility must:

   a. provide written notification of the transfer or discharge and the reasons for the transfer or discharge to the resident, in a language and manner the resident understands, and, if known, to a family member or legal representative of the resident;
   b. record the reasons in the resident's clinical record; and
   c. include in the notice the items described in R432-150-22(5).
(4) Except when specified in R432-150-22(4)(a), the notice of transfer or discharge required under R432-150-22(2), must be made by the facility at least 30 days before the resident is transferred or discharged.

(5) Notice may be made as soon as practicable before transfer or discharge if:
   a) the safety or health of individuals in the facility would be endangered if the resident is not transferred or discharged sooner;
   b) the resident's health improves sufficiently to allow a more immediate transfer or discharge;
   c) an immediate transfer or discharge is required by the resident's urgent medical needs; or
   d) a resident has not resided in the facility for 30 days.

(6) The contents of the written transfer or discharge notice must include the following:
   a) the reason for transfer or discharge;
   b) the effective date of transfer or discharge;
   c) the location to which the resident is transferred or discharged; and
   d) the name, address, and telephone number of the State and local Long Term Care Ombudsman programs.

   e) For nursing facility residents with developmental disabilities, the notice must contain the mailing address and telephone number of the agency responsible for the protection and advocacy of developmentally disabled individuals established under part C of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act.

   f) For nursing facility residents who are mentally ill, the notice must contain the mailing address and telephone number of the agency responsible for the protection and advocacy of mentally ill individuals established under the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act.

(7) The facility must provide discharge planning to prepare and orient a resident to ensure safe and orderly transfer or discharge from the facility.

(8) Notice of resident bed-hold policy, transfer and re-admission must be documented in the resident file.

   a) Before a facility transfers a resident to a hospital or allows a resident to go on therapeutic leave, the facility must provide written notification and information to the resident and a family member or legal representative that specifies:
      i) the facility's policies regarding bed-hold periods permitting a resident to return; and
      ii) the duration of the bed-hold policy, if any, during which the resident is permitted to return and resume residence in the facility.

   b) At the time of transfer of a resident to a hospital or for therapeutic leave, the facility must provide written notice to the resident and a family member or legal representative, which specifies the duration of the bed-hold policy.

   c) If transfers necessitated by medical emergencies preclude notification at the time of transfer, notification shall take place as soon as possible after transfer.

   d) The facility must establish and follow a written policy under which a resident whose hospitalization or therapeutic leave exceeds the bed-hold period is readmitted to the facility.
(9) The facility must establish and maintain identical policies and practices regarding transfer, discharge, and the provision of services for all individuals regardless of pay source.

(10) The facility must have in effect a written transfer agreement with one or more hospitals to ensure that:
(a) residents are transferred from the facility to the hospital and ensured of timely admission to the hospital when transfer is medically necessary as determined by the attending physician;
(b) medical and other information needed for care and treatment of residents is exchanged between facilities including documentation of reasons for a less expensive setting; and
(c) security and accountability of personal property of the individual transferred is maintained.

(1) If the nursing care facility provides its own radiology services, these facility must comply with R432-100-21, Radiology Services, in the General Acute Hospital Rule.
(2) A facility that provides specialized rehabilitative services may offer these services either directly or through agreements with outside agencies or qualified therapists. If provided, these services must meet the needs of the residents.
(a) The facility must provide space and equipment for specialized rehabilitative services in accordance with the needs of the residents.
(b) Specialized rehabilitative services may only be provided by therapists licensed in accordance with Utah law.
(c) All therapy assistants must work under the direct supervision of the licensed therapist at all times.
(d) Speech pathologists must have a "Certificate of Clinical Compliance" from the American Speech and Hearing Association.
(e) Specialized rehabilitative services may be provided only if ordered by the attending physician.
(i) The plan of treatment must be initiated by an attending physician and developed by the therapist in consultation with the nursing staff.
(ii) An initial progress report must be submitted to the attending physician two weeks after treatment is begun or as specified by the physician.
(iii) The physician and therapist must review and evaluate the plan of treatment monthly unless the physician recommends an alternate schedule in writing.
(f) The facility must document the delivery of rehabilitative services in the resident record.
(3) The facility must provide or arrange for regular and emergency dental care for residents.
(a) Dental care provisions shall include:
(b) development of oral hygiene policies and procedures with input from dentists;
(c) presentation of oral hygiene in-service programs by knowledgeable persons;
(d) development of referral service for those residents who do not have a personal dentist; and
(e) arrangement for transportation to and from the dentist's office.

(1) The facility must provide each resident with a safe, palatable, well-balanced diet that meets the daily nutritional and special dietary needs of each resident.

(2) There must be adequate staff employed by the facility to meet the dietary needs of the residents.

(a) The facility must employ a dietitian either full-time, part-time, or on a consultant basis.

(b) The dietitian must be certified in accordance with Title 58, Chapter 49, Dietitian Certification Act.

(c) If a dietitian is not employed full-time, the administrator must designate a full-time person to serve as the dietetic supervisor.

(d) If the dietetic supervisor is not a certified dietitian, the facility must document at least monthly consultation by a certified dietitian according to the needs of the residents.

(e) The dietetic supervisor shall be available when the consulting dietitian visits the facility.

(3) The facility must develop menus that meet the nutritional needs of residents to the extent medically possible.

(a) Menus shall be:

(i) prepared in advance;
(ii) followed;
(iii) different each day;
(iv) posted for each day of the week;
(v) approved and signed by a certified dietician and;
(vi) cycled no less than every three weeks.

(b) The facility must retain documentation for at least three months of all served substitutions to the menu.

(4) The facility must make available for Department review all food sanitation inspection reports of State or local health department inspections.

(5) The attending physician must prescribe in writing all therapeutic diets.

(6) There must be no more than a 14-hour interval between the evening meal and breakfast, unless a substantial snack is served in the evening.

(7) The facility must provide special eating equipment and assistive devices for residents who need them.

(8) The facility's food service must comply with the Utah Department of Health Food Service Sanitation Regulations R392-100.

(9) The facility must maintain a one-week supply of nonperishable staple foods and a three-day supply of perishable foods to complete the established menu for three meals per day, per resident.

(10) A nursing care facility may use trained dining assistants to aid residents in eating and drinking if:

(a) a licensed practical nurse-geriatric care manager, registered nurse, advance practice registered nurse, speech pathologist, occupational therapist, or dietitian has assessed that the resident does not have complicated feeding problems, such as recurrent lung aspirations, behaviors which interfere with eating, difficulty swallowing, or tube or parenteral feeding; and
(b) The service plan or plan of care documents that the resident needs assistance with eating and drinking and defines who is qualified to offer the assistance.

(11) If the nursing care facility uses a dining assistant, the facility must assure that the dining assistant:
   (a) has completed a training course from a Department-approved training program;
   (b) has completed a background screening pursuant to R432-35; and
   (c) performs duties only for those residents who do not have complicated feeding problems.

(12) A long-term care facility, employee organization, person, governmental entity, or private organization must submit the following to the Department to become Department-approved training program:
   (a) a copy of the curriculum to be implemented that meets the requirements of subsection (13); and
   (b) the names and credentials of the trainers.

(13) The training course for the dining assistant shall provide eight hours of instruction and one hour of observation by the trainer to ensure competency. The course shall include the following topics:
   (a) feeding techniques;
   (b) assistance with eating and drinking;
   (c) communication and interpersonal skills;
   (d) safety and emergency procedures including the Heimlich maneuver;
   (e) infection control;
   (f) resident rights;
   (g) recognizing resident changes inconsistent with their normal behavior and the importance in reporting those changes to the supervisory nurse;
   (h) special diets;
   (i) documentation of type and amount of food and hydration intake;
   (j) appropriate response to resident behaviors, and
   (k) use of adaptive equipment.

(14) The training program shall issue a certificate of completion and maintain a list of the dining assistants. The certificate shall include the training program provider and provider's telephone number at which a long-term care facility may verify the training, and the dining assistant's name and address.

(15) To provide dining assistant training in a Department-approved program, a trainer must hold a current valid license to practice as:
   (a) a registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse or licensed practical nurse-geriatric care manager pursuant to Title 58, Chapter 31b;
   (b) a registered dietitian, pursuant to Title 58, Chapter 49;
   (c) a speech-language pathologist, pursuant to Title 58, Chapter 41; or
   (d) an occupational therapist, pursuant to Title 58, Chapter 42a.

(16) The Department may suspend a training program if the program's courses do not meet the requirements of this rule.

(17) The Department may suspend a training program operated by a nursing care facility if:
   (a) a federal or state survey reveals failure to comply with federal regulations or state rules regarding feeding or dining assistant programs;
(b) the facility fails to provide sufficient, competent staff to respond to emergencies;
(c) the Department sanctions the facility for any reason; or
(d) the Department determines that the facility is in continuous or chronic non-compliance under state rule or that the facility has provided sub-standard quality of care under federal regulation.

(1) The facility must implement a medical records system to ensure complete and accurate retrieval and compilation of information.
(2) The administrator must designate an employee to be responsible and accountable for the processing of medical records.
   (a) The medical records department must be under the direction of a registered record administrator, RRA, or an accredited record technician, ART.
   (b) If an RRA or ART is not employed at least part time, the facility must consult with an RRA or ART according to the needs of the facility, but not less than semi-annually.
(3) The resident medical record and its contents must be retained, stored and safeguarded from loss, defacement, tampering, and damage from fires and floods.
   (a) Medical records must be protected against access by unauthorized individuals.
   (b) Medical records must be retained for at least seven years. Medical records of minors must be kept until the age of eighteen plus four years, but in no case less than seven years.
(4) The facility must maintain an individual medical record for each resident. The medical record must contain written documentation of the following:
   (a) records made by staff regarding daily care of the resident;
   (b) informative progress notes by staff to record changes in the resident's condition and response to care and treatment in accordance with the care plan;
   (c) a pre-admission screening;
   (d) an admission record with demographic information and resident identification data;
   (e) a history and physical examination up-to-date at the time of the resident's admission;
   (f) written and signed informed consent;
   (g) orders by clinical staff members;
   (h) a record of assessments, including the comprehensive resident assessment, care plan, and services provided;
   (i) nursing notes;
   (j) monthly nursing summaries;
   (k) quarterly resident assessments;
   (l) a record of medications and treatments administered;
   (m) laboratory and radiology reports;
   (n) a discharge summary for the resident to include a note of condition, instructions given, and referral as appropriate;
   (o) a service agreement if respite services are provided;
   (p) physician treatment orders; and
   (q) information pertaining to incidents, accidents and injuries.
(r) If a resident has an advanced directive, the resident's record must contain a copy of the advanced directive.
(5) All entries into the medical record must be authenticated including date, name or identifier initials, and title of the person making the entries
(6) Resident respite records must be maintained within the facility.

(1) The facility must provide a safe, clean, comfortable environment, allowing the resident to use personal belongings to create a homelike environment.
   (a) Cleaning agents, bleaches, insecticides, poisonous, dangerous, or flammable materials must be stored in a locked area to prevent unauthorized access.
   (b) The facility must provide adequate housekeeping services and sufficient personnel to maintain a clean and sanitary environment.
      (i) Personnel engaged in housekeeping or laundry services cannot be engaged concurrently in food service or resident care.
      (ii) If housekeeping personnel also work in food services or direct patient care services, the facility must develop and implement employee hygiene and infection control measures to maintain a safe, sanitary environment.

(1) The administrator must designate a person to direct the facility's laundry service. The designee must have experience, training, or knowledge of the following:
   (a) proper use of chemicals in the laundry;
   (b) proper laundry procedures;
   (c) proper use of laundry equipment;
   (d) facility policies and procedures; and
   (e) federal, state and local rules and regulations.
(2) The facility must provide clean linens, towels and washcloths for resident use.
(3) If the facility contracts for laundry services, there must be a signed, dated agreement that details all services provided.
(4) The facility must inform the resident and family of facility laundry policy for personal clothing.
(5) The facility must ensure that each resident's personal laundry is marked for identification.
(6) There must be enough clean linen, towels and washcloths for at least three complete changes of the facility's licensed bed capacity.
(7) There must be a bedspread for each resident bed.
(8) Clean linen must be handled and stored in a manner to minimize contamination from surface contact or airborne deposition.
(9) Soiled linen must be handled, stored, and processed in a manner to prevent contamination and the spread of infections.
(10) Soiled linen must be sorted in a separate room by methods affording protection from contamination.
(11) The laundry area must be separate from any room where food is stored, prepared, or served.

(1) The facility must ensure that buildings, equipment and grounds are maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and in good repair at all times for the safety and well-being of residents, staff, and visitors.

(a) The administrator shall employ a person qualified by experience and training to be in charge of facility maintenance.

(b) If the facility contracts for maintenance services, there must be a signed, dated agreement that details all services provided. The maintenance service must meet all requirements of this section.

(c) The facility must develop and implement a written maintenance program (including preventive maintenance) to ensure the continued operation of the facility and sanitary practices throughout the facility.

(2) The facility must ensure that the premises is free from vermin and rodents.

(3) Entrances, exits, steps, ramps, and outside walkways must be maintained in a safe condition with regard to snow, ice and other hazards.

(4) Facilities which provide care for residents who cannot be relocated in an emergency must make provision for emergency lighting and heat to meet the needs of residents.

(5) Functional flashlights shall be available for emergency use by staff.

(6) All facility equipment must be tested, calibrated and maintained in accordance with manufacturer specifications.

(a) Testing frequency and calibration documentation shall be available for Department review.

(b) Documentation of testing or calibration conducted by an outside agency must be available for Department review.

(7) All spaces within buildings which house people, machinery, equipment, approaches to buildings, and parking lots must have lighting.

(8) Heating, air conditioning, and ventilating systems must be maintained to provide comfortable temperatures.

(9) Back-flow prevention devices must be maintained in operating condition and tested according to manufacturer specifications.

(10) Hot water temperature controls must automatically regulate temperatures of hot water delivered to plumbing fixtures used by residents. Hot water must be delivered to public and resident care areas at temperatures between 105-115 degrees F.

(11) Disposable and single use items must be properly disposed of after use.

(12) Nursing equipment and supplies must be available as determined by facility policy in accordance with the needs of the residents.

(13) The facility must have at least one first aid kit and a first aid manual available at a specified location in the facility. The first aid manual must be a current edition of a basic first aid manual approved by the American Red Cross or the American Medical Association.

(14) The facility must have at least one OSHA-approved spill or clean-up kit for blood-borne pathogens.

(15) Vehicles used to transport residents must be:

(a) licensed with a current vehicle registration and safety inspection;
(b) equipped with individual, size-appropriate safety restraints such as seat belts which are defined in the federal motor vehicle safety standards contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Section 571.213, and are installed and used in accordance with manufacturer specifications;
(c) equipped with a first aid kit as specified in R432-150-28(13); and
(d) equipped with a spill or clean-up kit as specified in R432-150-28(14).

(1) The facility must ensure the safety and well-being of residents and make provisions for a safe environment in the event of an emergency or disaster. An emergency or disaster may include utility interruption, explosion, fire, earthquake, bomb threat, flood, windstorm, epidemic, and injury.
(2) The facility must develop an emergency and disaster plan that is approved by the governing board.
   (a) The facility's emergency plan shall delineate:
      (i) the person or persons with decision-making authority for fiscal, medical, and personnel management;
      (ii) on-hand personnel, equipment, and supplies and how to acquire additional help, supplies, and equipment after an emergency or disaster;
      (iii) assignment of personnel to specific tasks during an emergency;
      (iv) methods of communicating with local emergency agencies, authorities, and other appropriate individuals;
      (v) individuals who shall be notified in an emergency in order of priority; and
      (vi) methods of transporting and evacuating residents and staff to other locations.
   (b) The facility must have available at each nursing station emergency telephone numbers including responsible staff persons in the order of priority.
   (c) The facility must document resident emergencies and responses, emergency events and responses, and the location of residents and staff evacuated from the facility during an emergency.
   (d) The facility must conduct and document simulated disaster drills semi-annually.
(3) The administrator must develop a written fire emergency and evacuation plan in consultation with qualified fire safety personnel.
   (a) The evacuation plan must delineate evacuation routes, location of fire alarm boxes, fire extinguishers, and emergency telephone numbers of the local fire department.
   (b) The facility must post the evacuation plan in prominent locations in exit access ways throughout the building.
   (c) The written fire or emergency plan must include fire containment procedures and how to use the facility alarm systems and signals.
   (d) Fire drills and fire drill documentation must be in accordance with the State of Utah Fire Prevention Board, R710-4.

Any person who violates any provision of this rule may be subject to the penalties enumerated in Section 26-21-11 and R432-3-6 and be punished for violation of a class A misdemeanor as provided in Section 26-21-16.
R432-152. Mental Retardation Facility.
R432-152-1. Legal Authority.
This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-152-2. Purpose.
It is the purpose of the rule to meet the intent of the Legislature as expressed in 26-21-13.5.

R432-152-3. Definitions.
(1) The definitions in R432-1-3 apply to this rule. In addition, the following special definitions apply:
   (a) "Significantly Subaverage General Intellectual Functioning" is operationally defined as a score of two or more standard deviations below the mean on a standardized general intelligence test.
   (b) "Developmental Period" means the period between conception and the 18th birthday.
   (c) "Direct Care Staff" means personnel who provide care, training, treatment or supervision of residents.
   (d) "QMRP" means a Qualified Mental Retardation Professional as defined in 42 CFR 483.403(a), 1997.

R432-152-4. Licensure.
These rules apply to all Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded licensed prior to July 1, 1990, pursuant to 26-21-13.5.

Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with R432-5 Nursing Facility Construction.

(1) The licensee shall identify an individual or group to constitute the governing body of the facility.
(2) The governing body shall:
   (a) exercise general policy, budget, and operating direction over the facility; and
   (b) set the qualifications, in addition to the requirements of Title 58, Chapter 15, for the administrator of the facility.
(3) The licensee shall comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state and local laws, regulations and codes pertaining to health, safety, and sanitation.
(4) The licensee shall appoint, in writing, an administrator professionally licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce as a nursing home administrator. The administrator shall supervise no more than one licensed nursing care facility or mental retardation facility.

(a) The administrator shall be on the premises of the facility a sufficient number of hours in the business day, and at other times as necessary, to permit attention to the management and administration of the facility.

(b) The administrator shall designate, in writing, the name and title of a person to act as administrator in any temporary absence of the administrator. This designated person shall have sufficient power, authority, and freedom to act in the best interests of client safety and well-being. It is not the intent of this paragraph to permit an unlicensed de facto administrator to supplant or replace the designated, licensed administrator.

(5) The administrator's responsibilities shall be included in a written job description on file in the facility and available for Department review. The job description must include at least the following responsibilities:

(a) complete, submit, and file all records and reports required by the Department;
(b) function as liaison between the licensee, qualified mental retardation professional, and other supervisory staff of the facility;
(c) respond appropriately to recommendations made by the facility committees;
(d) assure that employees are oriented to their job functions and receive appropriate and regularly scheduled in-service training;
(e) implement policies and procedures for the operation of the facility;
(f) hire and maintain the required number of licensed and non-licensed staff, as specified in these rules, to meet the needs of clients;
(g) maintain facility staffing records for at least the preceding 12 months;
(h) secure and update contracts for required professional and other services not provided directly by the facility;
(i) verify all required licenses and permits of staff and consultants at the time of hire or effective date of contract;
(j) review all incident and accident reports and take appropriate action.

(6) The administrator, QMRP, and facility department supervisors shall develop job descriptions for each position including job title, job summary, responsibilities, qualifications, required skills and licenses, and physical requirements.

(a) The administrator or designee shall conduct and document periodic employee performance evaluations.
(b) All personnel shall have access to facility policy and procedure manuals and other information necessary to effectively perform duties and carry out responsibilities.

(7) The administrator shall establish policies and procedures for health screening that meet R432-150-10-4.

**R432-152-7. Client Rights.**

(1) The administrator is responsible to ensure the rights of all clients. The administrator or designee shall:

(a) inform each client, parent, if the client is a minor, or legal guardian, of the client's rights and the rules of the facility;
(b) inform each client or legal guardian of the client's medical condition, developmental and behavioral status, attendant risks of treatment, and of the right to refuse treatment;

(c) allow and encourage individual clients to exercise their rights as clients of the facility, and as citizens of the United States, including the right to file complaints, voice grievances, and recommend changes in policies and procedures to facility staff and outside representatives of personal choice, free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal;

(d) allow individual clients to manage their financial affairs and teach them to do so to the extent of their capabilities;

(e) ensure that clients are not subjected to physical, verbal, sexual or psychological abuse or punishment;

(f) ensure that clients are free from unnecessary drugs and physical restraints and are provided active treatment to reduce dependency on drugs and physical restraints;

(g) provide each client with the opportunity for personal privacy and ensure privacy during treatment and care of personal needs;

(h) ensure the clients are not compelled to participate in publicity events, fund raising activities, movies or anything that would exploit the client;

(i) ensure that clients are not compelled to perform services for the facility and ensure that clients who do work for the facility are compensated for their efforts at prevailing wages commensurate with their abilities;

(j) ensure clients the opportunity to communicate, associate and meet privately with individuals of their choice, including legal counsel and clergy, and to send and receive unopened mail;

(k) ensure that clients have access to telephones with privacy for incoming and outgoing local and long distance calls except as contraindicated by factors identified within their individual program plans;

(l) ensure clients the opportunity to participate in social and community group activities and the opportunity to exercise religious beliefs and to participate in religious worship services without being coerced or forced into engaging in any religious activity;

(m) ensure that clients have the right to retain and use appropriate personal possessions and clothing, and ensure that each client is dressed in his or her own clothing each day; and

(n) permit a married couple both of whom reside in the facility to reside together as a couple.

(2) The administrator shall establish and maintain a system that assures a full and complete accounting of clients' personal funds entrusted to the facility on behalf of clients and precludes any commingling of client funds with facility funds or with the funds of any person other than another client.

(a) The client's financial record shall be available on request to the client or client's legal guardian.

(b) The licensee must ensure that all monies entrusted to the facility on behalf of clients are kept in the facility or are deposited within five days of receipt in an insured interest-bearing account in a local bank, credit union or savings and loan association authorized to do business in Utah.
(c) When the amount of a client's money entrusted to the facility exceeds $150, all money in excess of $150 must be deposited in an interest-bearing account as specified in R432-152-7(2)(b) above.

(d) Upon discharge of a client, all money and valuables of that client which have been entrusted to the licensee shall be surrendered to the client in exchange for a signed receipt. Money and valuables kept within the facility must be surrendered upon demand and those kept in an interest-bearing account must be obtained and surrendered to the client in a timely manner.

(e) Within 30 days following the death of a client, except in a medical examiner case, all money and valuables of that client which have been entrusted to the licensee must be surrendered to the person responsible for the client or to the executor or the administrator of the estate in exchange for a signed receipt. If a client dies without a representative or known heirs, the licensee must immediately notify in writing the local probate court and the Department.

3. The administrator must promote communication, and encourage participation of clients, parents and guardians in the active treatment process. Facility staff shall:

(a) promote participation of parents (if the client is a minor) and legal guardians in the process of providing active treatment to a client unless their participation is unobtainable or inappropriate;

(b) answer communications from clients' families and friends promptly and appropriately;

(c) promote visits by individuals with a relationship to the client, such as family, close friends, legal guardians and advocates, at any reasonable hour, without prior notice, consistent with the right of the client's and other clients' privacy, unless the interdisciplinary team determines that the visit would not be appropriate for that client;

(d) promote visits by parents or guardians to any area of the facility that provides direct client care services to the client, consistent with right of that client's and other clients' privacy;

(e) promote frequent and informal leaves from the facility for visits, trips, or vacations; and

(f) notify promptly the client's parents or guardian of any significant incidents, or changes in the client's condition including, but not limited to, serious illness, accident, death, abuse, or unauthorized absence.

4. The administrator is responsible to develop and implement written policies and procedures that prohibit abuse, neglect, or exploitation of clients.

(a) Any person, including a social worker, physician, psychologist, nurse, teacher, or employee of a private or public facility serving adults, who has reason to believe that any disabled or elder adult has been the subject of abuse, emotional or psychological abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall immediately notify the nearest peace officer, law enforcement agency, or local office of Adult Protective Services pursuant to Section 62A-3-302.

(i) The administrator must document that all alleged violations are thoroughly investigated and shall prevent further potential abuse while the investigation is in progress.

(ii) The administrator is responsible to report the results of all investigations within five working days of the incident. If the alleged violation is verified, the administrator shall take appropriate corrective action.
(iii) The administrator or designee shall plan and document annual inservice training of all staff on the reporting requirements of suspected abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

(b) A licensee shall not retaliate, discipline, or terminate an employee who reports suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation for that reason alone.


(1) A Qualified Mental Retardation Professional must integrate, coordinate and monitor each client's active treatment program.

(2) Each client shall receive the professional services required to implement the active treatment program defined by each client's individual program plan.

(a) Professional program staff shall work directly with clients and with other staff who work with clients.

(b) The licensee shall have available enough qualified professional staff to carry out and monitor the various professional interventions in accordance with the stated goals and objectives of every individual program plan.

(c) Professional program staff shall participate in on-going staff development and training of other staff members.

(d) Professional program staff must be licensed and provide professional services in accordance with each respective professional practice act as outlined in Title 58. A copy of the current license, registration or certificate must be posted or maintained in employee personnel files.

(e) Those professional program staff designated as a human services professional who do not fall under the jurisdiction of state licensure, certification, or registration requirements, specified in Title 58, shall have at least a bachelor's degree in a human services field, including, but not limited to: sociology, special education, rehabilitation counseling, and psychology.

(f) If the client's individual program plan is being successfully implemented by facility staff, professional program staff meeting the qualifications of R432-152-8(2)(d) are not required:

(i) except for qualified mental retardation professionals;

(ii) except for the requirements of R432-152-8(2)(b) of this section concerning the facility's provision of enough qualified professional program staff; and

(iii) as otherwise specified by State licensure and certification requirements.

(3) There shall be responsible direct care staff on duty and awake on a 24-hour basis, when clients are present, to take prompt, appropriate action in case of injury, illness, fire or other emergency, in each defined residential living unit housing as follows:

(a) clients for whom a physician has ordered a medical care plan;

(b) clients who are aggressive, assaultive or security risks;

(c) more than 16 clients; or

(d) each unit of sixteen or fewer clients within a multi-unit building.

(4) There shall be a responsible direct care staff person on duty on a 24-hour basis, when clients are present, to respond to injuries and symptoms of illness and to handle emergencies in each defined residential living unit housing as follows:

(a) clients for whom a physician has not ordered a medical care plan;

(b) clients who are not aggressive, assaultive or security risks; or
(c) residential living units housing sixteen or fewer clients.

(5) Sufficient support staff must be available so that direct care staff are not required to perform support services to the extent that these duties interfere with the exercise of their primary direct client care duties.

(6) Clients or volunteers may not perform direct care services for the facility.

(7) The licensee shall employ sufficient direct care staff to manage and supervise clients in accordance with their individual program plans.
   (a) Direct care staff shall meet the following minimum ratios of direct care staff to clients:
      (i) for each defined residential living unit serving children under the age of 12, severely and profoundly retarded clients, clients with severe physical disabilities, or clients who are aggressive, assaultive, or security risks, or who manifest severely hyperactive or psychotic-like behavior, the staff to client ratio is 1 to 3.2 (2.5 hours per client per 24 hour period);
      (ii) for each defined residential living unit serving moderately retarded clients, the staff to client ratio is 1 to 4 (2.0 hours per client per 24 hour period);
      (iii) for each defined residential living unit serving clients who function within the range of mild retardation, the staff to client ratio is 1 to 6.4 (1.25 hours per client per 24 hour period).
   (b) When there are no clients present in the living unit, a responsible staff member shall be available by telephone.

(8) Each employee shall have initial and ongoing training to include the necessary skills and competencies required to meet the clients’ developmental, behavioral, and health needs.

(1) Volunteers may be included in the daily activities with clients, but may not be included in the staffing plan or staffing ratios.
   (2) Volunteers shall be supervised by staff and oriented to client's rights and the facility's policies and procedures.

R432-152-10. Services Provided Under Agreements with Outside Sources.
(1) If a service required under this rule is not provided directly, the licensee shall have a written agreement with an outside program, resource, or service to furnish the necessary service, including emergency and other health care.
   (2) The agreement shall:
      (a) contain the responsibilities, functions, objectives, and other terms agreed to by both parties;
      (b) provide that the licensee is responsible for assuring that the outside services meet the standards for quality of services contained in this rule.
   (3) If living quarters are not provided in a facility owned by the licensee, the licensee remains directly responsible for the standards relating to physical environment that are specified in R432-5.

(1) Each client shall have an individual program plan developed by an interdisciplinary team that represents the professions, disciplines or service areas that are relevant to:
   (a) identifying the client's needs, as described by the comprehensive functional assessments required in R432-152-12(4); and
   (b) designing programs that meet the client's needs.

(2) Interdisciplinary team meetings shall include the following participants:
   (a) representatives of other agencies who may serve the client; and
   (b) the client and the client's legal guardian unless participation is unobtainable or inappropriate.

(3) Within 30 days after admission, the interdisciplinary team shall prepare for each client an individual program plan that states the specific objectives necessary to meet the client's needs, as identified by the comprehensive assessment required by R432-152-12, and the planned sequence for dealing with those objectives.
   (a) The program objectives shall:
      (i) be stated separately, in terms of a single behavioral outcome;
      (ii) be assigned projected completion dates;
      (iii) be expressed in behavioral terms that provide measurable indices of performance;
      (iv) be organized to reflect a developmental progression appropriate to the individual; and
      (v) be assigned priorities.
   (b) Each written training program designed to implement the objectives in the individual program plan shall specify:
      (i) the methods to be used;
      (ii) the schedule for use of the method;
      (iii) the person responsible for the program;
      (iv) the type of data and frequency of data collection necessary to be able to assess progress toward the desired objectives;
      (v) the inappropriate client behavior, if applicable; and
      (vi) provision for the appropriate expression of behavior and the replacement of inappropriate behavior, if applicable, with behavior that is adaptive or appropriate.
   (c) The individual program plan shall also:
      (i) describe relevant interventions to support the individual toward independence;
      (ii) identify the location where program strategy information, which shall be accessible to any person responsible for implementation, can be found;
      (iii) include, for those clients who lack them, training in personal skills essential for privacy and independence, including toilet training, personal hygiene, dental hygiene, self-feeding, bathing, dressing, grooming, and communication of basic needs, until it has been demonstrated that the client is developmentally incapable of acquiring them;
      (iv) identify mechanical supports, if needed, to achieve proper body position, balance, or alignment, including the reason for each support, the situations in which each is to be applied, and a schedule for the use of each support;
      (v) provide that clients who have multiple disabling conditions spend a major portion of each waking day out of bed and outside the bedroom area, moving about by various methods and devices whenever possible; and
(vi) include opportunities for client choice and self-management.

(4) A copy of each client's individual program plan shall be made available to all relevant staff, staff of other agencies who work with the client or legal guardian.

(5) As soon as the interdisciplinary team has formulated a client's individual program plan, each client shall receive a continuous active treatment program consisting of needed interventions and services in sufficient number and frequency to support the achievement of the objectives identified in the individual program plan.

(a) The facility shall develop an active treatment schedule that outlines the current active treatment program and that is readily available for review by relevant staff.

(b) Except for those facets of the individual program plan that may be implemented only by licensed personnel, each client's individual program plan shall be implemented by all staff who work with the client.

(6) The facility must document, in measurable terms, data and significant events relative to the accomplishment of the criteria specified in individual client program plans.

(7) The individual program plan shall be reviewed at least by the qualified mental retardation professional and revised as necessary; including situations in which the client:

(a) has successfully completed an objective or objectives identified in the individual program plan;

(b) is regressing or losing skills already gained;

(c) is failing to progress toward identified objectives after reasonable efforts have been made; or

(d) is being considered for training towards new objectives.


(1) Within 30 days after admission, the interdisciplinary team must complete accurate assessments or reassessments as needed to supplement the preliminary evaluation referred to in R432-152-14(3).

(2) The comprehensive functional assessment shall take into consideration the client's age and the implications for active treatment and shall:

(a) identify the presenting problems and disabilities and, where possible, their causes;

(b) identify a client's specific developmental strengths;

(c) identify a client's specific developmental and behavioral management needs;

(d) identify a client's need for services without regard to the actual availability of the services needed;

(e) include physical development and health, nutritional status, sensorimotor development, affective development, speech and language development, auditory functioning, cognitive development, social development, adaptive behaviors and independent living skills necessary for a client to be able to function in the community, and as applicable, vocational skills.

(3) The comprehensive functional assessment of each client shall be reviewed annually by the interdisciplinary team and updated as needed repeating the process required in R432-152-14.

(1) The facility shall designate and use a specially constituted committee or committees consisting of members of the facility staff, parents, legal guardians, clients as appropriate, qualified persons who have experience or training in contemporary practices to change inappropriate client behavior, and persons with no ownership or controlling interest in the facility to:
   (a) review, approve, and monitor individual programs designed to manage inappropriate behavior and other programs that, in the opinion of the committee, involve risks to client protection and rights;
   (b) insure that these programs are conducted only with the written informed consent of the client, parent, if the client is a minor, or legal guardian; and
   (c) review, monitor and make suggestions to the facility about its practices and programs as they relate to drug usage, physical restraints, time-out rooms, application of painful or noxious stimuli, control of inappropriate behavior, protection of client rights and funds, and any other area that the committee believes need to be addressed.

(1) The facility may only admit clients who need active treatment services.
(2) The facility shall base its admission decision on a preliminary evaluation of the client. The preliminary evaluation may be conducted or updated by the facility or an outside source and must determine that the facility can provide for the client's needs and that the client is likely to benefit from placement in the facility.
(3) A preliminary evaluation shall contain background information as well as current valid assessments of the following:
   (a) functional developmental,
   (b) behavioral status,
   (c) social status, and
   (d) health and nutritional status.
(4) Client transfers and discharges must comply with the requirements of R432-150-22.

(1) The facility shall develop and implement written policies and procedures for the management of conduct between staff and clients.
(2) The policies and procedures shall:
   (a) promote the growth, development and independence of the client;
   (b) address the extent to which client choice will be accommodated in daily decision-making, emphasizing self-determination and self-management to the extent possible;
   (c) specify client conduct to be allowed or not allowed; and
   (d) be available to all staff, clients, parents of minor children, and legal guardians.
(3) To the extent possible, clients shall participate in the formulation of these policies and procedures.
(4) Clients shall not discipline other clients, except as part of an organized system of self-government, as set forth in facility policy.
(5) The facility shall develop and implement written policies and procedures that govern the management of inappropriate client behavior.
(a) The policies and procedures shall be consistent with the provisions of R432-152-15(2).

(b) The policies and procedures shall:
(i) specify all facility-approved interventions to manage inappropriate client behavior;
(ii) designate these interventions on a hierarchy to be implemented, ranging from most positive or least intrusive, to least positive or most intrusive; and
(iii) ensure, prior to the use of more restrictive techniques, that less restrictive measures have been implemented with the results documented in the client's record.

(c) The policies and procedures shall address the following:
(i) the use of time-out rooms;
(ii) the use of physical restraints;
(iii) the use of chemical restraints to manage inappropriate behavior;
(iv) the application of painful or noxious stimuli;
(v) the staff members who may authorize the use of specified interventions; and
(vi) a mechanism for monitoring and controlling the use of such interventions.

(d) Interventions to manage inappropriate client behavior shall be employed with safeguards and supervision to ensure that the safety, welfare and civil and human rights of clients are adequately protected.

(e) A facility may not utilize p.r.n. or as needed programs to control inappropriate behavior.

(6) A client may be placed in a time-out room from which egress is prevented only if the following conditions are met:
(a) The placement is part of an approved systematic time-out program as required by R432-152-15(5).

(b) The client is under the direct constant visual supervision of designated staff.

(c) The door to the room is held shut by staff or by a mechanism requiring constant physical pressure from a staff member to keep the mechanism engaged.

(d) Placement of a client in a time-out room shall not exceed one hour per incident of maladapted behavior.

(e) Clients placed in time-out rooms shall be protected from hazardous conditions including sharp corners and objects, uncovered light fixtures, and unprotected electrical outlets.

(f) The facility must maintain a log for each time-out room.

(7) A facility may employ physical restraints only:
(a) as an integral part of an individual program plan that is intended to lead to less restrictive means of managing and eliminating the behavior for which the restraint is applied;

(b) as an emergency measure, but only if absolutely necessary to protect the client or others from injury; or

(c) as a health-related protection prescribed by a physician, but only if absolutely necessary during the conduct of a specific medical or surgical procedure, or only if absolutely necessary for client protection during the time that a medical condition exists.

(8) A facility may apply emergency restraints for initial or extended use for no longer than 12 consecutive hours for the combined initial and extended use time period provided that authorization is obtained as soon as the client is restrained or stable.
(9) A facility may not issue orders for restraint on a standing or as needed basis.

(10) Facility staff must check clients placed in restraints at least every 30 minutes and maintain documentation of these checks.
    (a) Restraints must be applied to cause the least possible discomfort and may not cause physical injury to the client.
    (b) Facility staff must provide and document opportunity for motion and exercise for a period of not less than 10 minutes during each two hour period in which a restraint is employed.
    (c) Barred enclosures shall not be more than three feet in height and shall not have tops.

(11) The facility shall not administer drugs at a dose that interferes with a client's daily living activities.
    (a) Drugs used for control of inappropriate behavior must be approved by the interdisciplinary team and be used only as an integral part of the client's individual program plan that is directed specifically towards the reduction of and eventual elimination of the behaviors for which the drugs are employed.
    (b) Drugs used for control of inappropriate behavior shall be:
        (i) monitored closely, in conjunction with the physician and the drug review requirement; and
        (ii) gradually withdrawn at least annually in a carefully monitored program conducted in conjunction with the interdisciplinary team, unless clinical evidence justifies that this is contraindicated.


(1) The facility shall ensure the availability of physician services 24 hours a day.
    (a) The physician shall develop, in coordination with facility licensed nursing personnel, a medical care plan of treatment for a client if the physician determines that the client requires 24-hour licensed nursing care.
    (b) The care plan shall be integrated into the client's program plan.
    (c) Each client requiring a medical care plan of treatment shall be admitted by and remain under the care of a health practitioner licensed to prescribe medical care for the client.
    (d) The facility shall obtain written orders for medical treatment (documented telephone orders are acceptable) at the time of admission.
    (e) The facility shall provide or obtain preventive and general medical care as well as annual physical examinations of each client that at a minimum includes:
        (i) an evaluation of vision and hearing;
        (ii) immunizations, using as a guide the recommendations of the Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices or of the Committee on the Control of Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics;
        (iii) routine screening laboratory examinations, as determined necessary by the physician, and special studies when needed; and
        (iv) tuberculosis control in accordance with R388-804, Tuberculosis Control Rule.

(2) A physician shall participate in the establishment of each newly admitted client's initial individual program plan as required by R432-152-11.
(a) If appropriate, physicians shall participate in the review and update of an individual program plan as part of the interdisciplinary team process either in person or through written report to the interdisciplinary team.

(b) A physician shall participate in the discharge planning of clients under a medical care plan of treatment. In cases of discharge against medical advice, the facility must immediately notify the attending physician.

R432-152-17. Nursing Services.

(1) The facility shall provide nursing services in accordance with client needs. Nursing services shall include:

(a) participation as appropriate in the development, review, and update of an individual program plan as part of the interdisciplinary team process;

(b) the development, with a physician, of a medical care plan of treatment for a client if the physician has determined that an individual client requires such a plan; and

(c) for those clients certified as not needing a medical care plan, a documented quarterly health status review by direct physical examination conducted by a licensed nurse including identifying and implementing nursing care needs as prescribed by the client's physician.

(2) Nursing services shall coordinate with other members of the interdisciplinary team to implement appropriate protective and preventive health measures that include:

(a) training clients and staff as needed in appropriate health and hygiene methods;

(b) control of communicable diseases and infections, including the instruction of other personnel in methods of infection control; and

(c) training direct care staff in detecting signs and symptoms of illness or dysfunction, first aid for accidents or illness, and basic skills required to meet the health needs of the clients.

(3) Nursing practice and delegation of nursing tasks must comply with R156-31b-701, Delegation of Nursing Tasks.

(a) If the facility utilizes only licensed practical nurses to provide health services, there must be a formal arrangement for a registered nurse to provide verbal or on-site consultation to the licensed practical nurse.

(b) Non-licensed staff who work with clients under a medical care plan must be supervised by licensed nursing personnel.

(4) The administrator shall employ and designate, in writing, a nursing services supervisor.

(a) The nursing services supervisor may be either a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse.

(b) The nursing services supervisor shall designate, in writing, a licensed nurse to be in charge during any temporary absence of the nursing services supervisor.

(5) The nursing services supervisor is responsible to ensure that the following duties are carried out:

(a) establish a system to assure nursing staff implement physician orders and deliver health care services as needed;

(b) plan and direct the delivery of nursing care, treatments, procedures, and other services to assure that each client's needs are met;

(c) review each client's health care needs and orders for care and treatment;
(d) review client individual program plans to assure necessary medical aspects are incorporated;
(e) review the medication system for completeness of information, accuracy in the transcription of physician's orders, and adherence to stop-order policies;
(f) instruct the nursing staff on the legal requirements of charting and ensure that a nurse's notes describe the care rendered and include the client's response;
(g) teach and coordinate rehabilitative nursing to promote and maintain optimal physical and mental functioning of the client;
(h) inform the administrator, attending physician, and family of significant changes in the client's health status;
(i) when appropriate, plan with the physician, family, and health-related agencies for the care of the client upon discharge;
(j) develop, with the administrator, a nursing services procedure manual including all procedures practiced in the facility;
(k) coordinate client services through appropriate quality assurance and interdisciplinary team meetings;
(l) respond to the pharmacist's quarterly medication report;
(m) develop written job descriptions for all levels of nursing personnel and orient all new nursing personnel to the facility and their duties and responsibilities;
(n) complete written performance evaluations for each member of the nursing staff at least annually; and
(o) plan or conduct documented training programs for nursing staff and clients.

R432-152-18. Dental Services.

(1) The facility shall provide or arrange for comprehensive dental diagnostic services and comprehensive dental treatment for each client.
(a) "Comprehensive dental diagnostic services" means:
   (i) a complete extra-oral and intra-oral examination, using all diagnostic aids necessary to properly evaluate the client's oral condition, not later than one month after admission to the facility, unless the client's record contains an examination that was completed within twelve months before admission;
   (ii) periodic examination and diagnosis performed annually, including radiographs when indicated and detection of manifestations of systemic disease; and
   (iii) a review of the results of examination and entry of the results in the client's dental record.
(b) "Comprehensive Dental Treatment":
   (i) the available emergency dental treatment on a 24-hour-a-day basis by a licensed dentist; and
   (ii) dental care needed for relief of pain and infection, restoration of teeth, and maintenance of dental health.
(2) If appropriate, a dental professional shall participate in the development, review and update of the individual program plan as part of the interdisciplinary process, either in person or through written report to the interdisciplinary team.
(3) The facility shall provide education and training for clients and responsible staff in the maintenance of clients' oral health.
(4) If the facility maintains an in-house dental service, the facility shall keep a permanent dental record for each client with a dental summary maintained in the client's living unit.

(5) If the facility does not maintain an in-house dental service, the facility shall obtain a dental summary of the results of dental visits and maintain the summary in the client's record.


(1) The facility shall provide routine and emergency drugs and biologicals.
   (a) Drugs and biologicals may be obtained from community or contract pharmacists, or the facility may maintain a licensed pharmacy.
   (b) Pharmacy services shall be under the direction and responsibility of a qualified, licensed pharmacist. The pharmacist may be employed full time by the facility or may be retained by contract.
   (c) The pharmacist shall develop pharmacy service policies and procedures in conjunction with the administrator. Pharmacy policies shall address:
      (i) drug orders;
      (ii) labeling;
      (iii) storage;
      (iv) emergency drug supply;
      (v) administration of medications;
      (vi) pharmacy supplies; and
      (vii) automatic-stop orders.

(2) The pharmacist, with input from the interdisciplinary team, shall review the drug regimen of each client at least quarterly.
   (a) The pharmacist shall report any irregularities or errors in a client drug regimen to the prescribing physician and interdisciplinary team.
   (b) The pharmacist shall develop and review a record of each client's drug regimen.

(3) An individual medication administration record shall be maintained for each client.

(4) As appropriate, the pharmacist shall participate in the development, implementation, and review of each client's individual program plan, either in person or through written report to the interdisciplinary team.

(5) The facility shall have an organized system for drug administration that identifies each drug up to the point of administration. The system shall assure that all medications and treatments:
   (a) are administered in compliance with the physician's orders;
   (b) are administered without error; and
   (c) are administered by licensed medical or licensed nursing personnel.

(6) Clients shall be taught how to administer their own medications if the interdisciplinary team determines that self-administration of medications is an appropriate objective.
   (a) The client's physician shall be informed of the interdisciplinary team's recommendation that self-administration of medications is an objective for the client.
   (b) No client may self-administer medications until he or she demonstrates the competency to do so.
(7) Each telephone orders for medications shall be recorded immediately including the date and time of the order and the receiver's signature and title. The order must be countersigned and dated within 15 days by the person who prescribed the order.

(8) The facility shall maintain records of the receipt and disposition of all controlled drugs.

(a) Records of Schedule III and IV Drugs shall be maintained in such a manner that the receipt and disposition shall be readily traced.

(b) The facility shall, on a sample basis, periodically reconcile the receipt and disposition of all controlled drugs in schedules II through IV, drugs subject to the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, 21 U.S.C. 801 et seq., as implemented by 42 CFR Part 308.

(9) The facility shall store drugs under proper conditions of sanitation, temperature, light, humidity, and security.

(a) All controlled substances shall be secured in a manner consistent with applicable state pharmacy laws.

(b) Provision shall be made for the separate secure storage of all non-medication items such as poisonous and caustic materials.

(c) Medication containers shall be clearly labeled.

(d) Only persons authorized by facility policy shall have access to medications.

(e) Medication intended for internal use shall be stored separately from medication intended for external use.

(f) Medications stored at room temperature shall be maintained within 59 - 80 degrees F (15 to 30 degrees C); and refrigerated medications shall be maintained within 36 - 46 degrees F (2 to 8 degrees C).

(g) Medications and similar items that require refrigeration shall be stored securely and segregated from food items.

(h) Medications shall be kept in the original pharmacy container and shall not be transferred to other containers. Drugs taken out of the facility for home visits, workshops, school, etc. shall be packaged and labeled in accordance with State law by a person authorized to package medications.

(i) Clients who have been trained to self administer drugs in accordance with R432-152-19(6) may have access to keys to their individual drug supply.

(10) Labeling of drugs and biologicals shall:

(a) be based on currently accepted professional principles and practices; and

(b) include the appropriate accessory and cautionary instructions, as well as the expiration date, if applicable.

(11) The facility shall remove from use outdated drugs and drug containers with worn, illegible, or missing labels.

(12) Drugs and biologicals packaged in containers designated for a particular client shall be immediately removed from the client's current medication supply if discontinued by the physician.

(13) Drugs may be sent with the client upon discharge if so ordered by the discharging physician provided that the drugs are released in compliance with Utah pharmacy law and rules and a record of the drugs sent with the client is documented in the client's health record.
(14) Discontinued individual client drugs supplied by prescription or those which remain in the facility after discharge or death of the client shall be destroyed within one month by the facility in the following manner:

(a) All drugs shall be destroyed by the facility in the presence of the staff pharmacist or consulting pharmacist and an appointed licensed nurse employed by the facility.

(b) If one or both of these persons are not available within the month, a licensed nurse and an individual appointed by the administrator may serve as witnesses.

(c) These appointments shall be rotated periodically among responsible staff members.

(d) The name of the client, the name and strength of the drug, the prescription number, the amount destroyed, the method of destruction, the date of destruction, and the signatures of the witnesses required above shall be recorded in the client's record or in a separate log and retained for at least three years.

(15) Unless otherwise prohibited under applicable federal or state laws, individual client drugs supplied in sealed containers may be returned, if unopened, to the issuing pharmacy for disposition provided that:

(a) no controlled drugs are returned;

(b) all such drugs are identified as to lot or control number; and

(c) the signatures of the receiving pharmacist and a licensed nurse employed by the facility are recorded and retained for at least three years in a separate log which lists the name of the client, the name, strength, prescription number, if applicable, the amount of the drug returned, and the date of return.

(16) An emergency drug supply appropriate to the needs of the clients served shall be maintained in the facility.

(a) The pharmacist in coordination with the administrator shall develop an emergency drug supply policy to include the following requirements:

(i) Specific drugs and dosages to be included in the emergency drug supply shall be listed.

(ii) Containers shall be sealed to prevent unauthorized use.

(iii) Contents of the emergency drug supply shall be listed on the outside of the container and the use of contents shall be documented by nursing staff.

(iv) The emergency drug supply shall be accessible to nursing staff.

(v) The pharmacist shall inventory the emergency drug supply monthly. Used or outdated items shall be replaced within 72 hours.

(17) The pharmacy shall furnish drugs and biologicals as follows:

(a) Drugs ordered for administration as soon as possible shall be available and administered within two hours of a physician's order.

(b) Anti-infectives shall be available and administered within four hours of a physician's order.

(c) All new drug orders shall be initiated within 24 hours of the order or as indicated by the physician.

(d) Prescription drugs shall be refilled in a timely manner.

(e) Orders for controlled substances shall be sent to the pharmacy within 48 hours of the order. The order sent to the pharmacy may be a written prescription by the prescriber, a direct copy of the original order, or an electronic reproduction.
R432-152-20. Laboratory Services.
   (1) The facility must provide laboratory services in accordance with the size and
       needs of the client population.
   (2) Laboratory services shall comply with the requirements of the Clinical
       Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA). CLIA inspection reports shall be
       available for Department review.

   (1) Infection control procedures and reporting shall comply with R432-150-11(4).
   (2) The facility shall have a safety committee which includes the administrator,
       QMRP, head housekeeper, chief of facility maintenance, and others as designated by facility
       policy.
       (a) The safety committee must:
           (i) review all incident and accident reports and recommend changes to the
               administrator to prevent or reduce reoccurrence;
           (ii) review facility safety policies and procedures at least annually, and make
               appropriate recommendations; and
           (iii) establish a procedure to inspect the facility periodically for hazards.
       (b) Inspection reports shall be filed with the safety committee.

   (1) The facility shall develop and implement detailed written plans and procedures
       to meet all potential emergencies and disasters such as fire, severe weather, and missing
       clients.
       (a) The facility shall periodically review and update written emergency procedures.
       (b) The emergency plan must be made available to the staff.
       (c) Facility staff must receive periodic training on emergency plan procedures.
       (d) The emergency plan shall address the following:
           (i) evacuation of occupants to a safe place within the facility or to another location;
           (ii) delivery of essential care and services to facility occupants by alternate means;
           (iii) delivery of essential care and services when additional persons are housed in
               the facility during an emergency;
           (iv) delivery of essential care and services to facility occupants when the staff is
               reduced by an emergency; and
           (v) maintenance of safe ambient air temperatures within the facility. Ambient air
               temperature of at least 58 degrees F. Must be maintained during emergencies.
       (e) Emergency heating must be approved by the local fire department.
   (2) The facility's emergency plan shall identify:
       (a) the person with decision-making authority for fiscal, medical, and personnel
           management;
       (b) on-hand personnel, equipment, and supplies and how to acquire additional help,
           supplies, and equipment after an emergency or disaster;
       (c) assignment of personnel to specific tasks during an emergency;
       (d) methods of communicating with local emergency agencies, authorities, and
           other appropriate individuals;
       (e) the individuals who shall be notified in an emergency, in order of priority;
(f) method of transporting and evacuating clients and staff to other locations; and
(g) conversion of facility for emergency use.

(3) Emergency telephone numbers shall be posted near telephones accessible to staff.

(4) Simulated disaster drills shall be held semi-annually for all staff, in addition to fire drills. Documentation shall be maintained for Department review.

(5) The licensee and administrator shall develop a written fire emergency and evacuation plan in consultation with qualified fire safety personnel.

(a) The evacuation plan shall delineate evacuation routes and location of fire alarm boxes and fire extinguishers.

(b) The written fire-emergency plan shall include fire-containment procedures and how to use the facility alarm systems and signals.

(c) Fire drills and fire drill documentation shall be in accordance with Buildings Under the Jurisdiction of the State Fire Prevention Board, R710-4.

(d) The facility shall evacuate clients during at least one drill each year on each shift including:

(i) making special provisions for the evacuation of clients with physical disabilities;

(ii) filing a report and evaluation on each evacuation drill; and

(iii) investigating all problems with evacuation drills, including accidents, and take corrective action.

Smoking policies shall comply with UCA Title 26, Chapter 38, the "Utah Indoor Clean Air Act", and Sections 12-7.4 and 13-7.4 of the 1997 Life Safety Code.

R432-152-24. Pets in Long-Term Care Facilities.
(1) Each facility shall develop a written policy regarding pets in accordance with these rules and local ordinances.

(2) The facility shall adhere to the requirements of R432-150-21.

(1) There shall be housekeeping services to maintain a clean, sanitary, and healthful environment in the facility.

(2) If the facility contracts for housekeeping services with an outside agency, there shall be a signed and dated agreement that details all services provided.

(3) The housekeeping service shall meet all the requirements of R432-150-26.

The facility shall adhere to the requirements of R432-150-27.

The facility shall adhere to the requirements of R432-150-28.

The facility shall adhere to the requirements of R432-150-24.
R432-152-29. Client Records.

(1) The facility shall develop and maintain a record keeping system that includes a separate record for each client with documentation of the client's health care, active treatment, social information, and protection of the client's rights.

(a) The facility shall keep confidential all information contained in the client's records, regardless of the form or storage method of the records.

(b) The facility shall develop and implement policies and procedures governing the release of any client information, including consents necessary from the client or client's legal guardian.

(c) All entries into client records must be legible, dated and signed by the individual making the entry.

(d) The facility shall provide a legend to explain any symbol or abbreviation used in a client's record.

(e) The facility shall insure each identified residential living unit has available on-site pertinent information of each client's record.

(f) Client's records shall be complete and systematically organized according to facility policy to facilitate retrieval and compilation of information.

(2) The client record department shall be under the direction of a registered record administrator, RRA, or an accredited record technician, ART. If an RRA or ART is not employed at least part time, the facility shall consult at least semi-annually with an RRA or ART according to the needs of the facility.

(3) Client records shall be safeguarded from loss, defacement, tampering, fires, and floods.

(4) Client records shall be protected against access by unauthorized individuals.

(5) Client records shall be retained for at least seven years after the last date of client care.

(a) Records of minors shall be retained as follows:

(i) at least two years after the minor reaches age 18 or the age of majority; and

(ii) a minimum of seven years.

(b) All client records shall be retained within the facility upon change of ownership.

(c) If a facility ceases operation, provision shall be made for appropriate safe storage and prompt retrieval of all client records, client indices, and discharges for the period specified.

(d) The facility may arrange storage of client records with another facility or may return client records to the attending physician who is still in the community.

R432-152-30. Respite Care.

(1) Mental Retardation Facilities may provide respite services that comply with the following requirements:

(a) The purpose of respite is to provide intermittent, time limited care to give primary caretakers relief from the demands of caring for a person.

(b) Respite services may be provided at an hourly rate or daily rate, but shall not exceed 14-days for any single respite stay. Stays which exceed 14 days are a mental retardation facility admission, and shall be subject to the requirements of this rule applicable to non-respite residents.
(c) The facility shall coordinate the delivery of respite services with the recipient of services, case manager, if one exists, and the family member or primary caretaker.

(d) The facility shall document the person's response to the respite placement and coordinate with all provider agencies to ensure an uninterrupted service delivery program.

(e) The facility must complete a service agreement to serve as the plan of care. The service agreement must identify the prescribed medications, physician treatment orders, need for assistance for activities of daily living and diet orders.

(f) The facility shall have written policies and procedures available to staff regarding the respite care clients which include:
   (i) medication administration;
   (ii) notification of a responsible party in the case of an emergency;
   (iii) service agreement and admission criteria;
   (iv) behavior management interventions;
   (v) philosophy of respite services;
   (vi) post-service summary;
   (vii) training and in-service requirement for employees; and
   (viii) handling personal funds.

(g) Persons receiving respite services shall be provided a copy of the Resident Rights documents upon initial day of service and updated annually.

(h) The facility shall maintain a record for each person receiving respite services which includes:
   (i) Retention and storage of records shall comply with R432-152-29(3) and (4).
   (ii) Confidentiality and release of information shall comply with R432-150-25(3).
   (iii) The record shall contain the following:
       (A) a service agreement;
       (B) demographic information and resident identification data;
       (C) nursing notes;
       (D) physician treatment orders;
       (E) records made by staff regarding daily care of the person in service;
       (F) accident and injury reports; and
       (G) a post-service summary.
   (i) If a person has an advanced directive, a copy shall be filed in the record and staff informed.

R432-152-31. Penalties.
Any person who violates any provision of this rule may be subject to the penalties enumerated in 26-21-11 and R432-3-6 and be punished for violation of a class A misdemeanor as provided in Section 26-21-16.

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R432-200. Small Health Care Facility (Four to Sixteen Beds).
R432-200-1. Legal Authority.
This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-200-2. Purpose.
This rule allows services at varying levels of health care intensity to be provided in structures that depart from the traditional institutional setting. Health care may be delivered in a less restrictive, residential, or home-like setting. Small health care facilities are categorized as Level I, Level II, Level III, or Level IV according to the resident's ability or capability for self-preservation: to exit a building unassisted in an emergency.

All small health care facilities shall be in full compliance at the time of licensure. All Medicare and Medicaid certified facilities must comply with Title XVIII and Title XIX regulations.

(1) See common definitions in R432-1-3.
(2) Special Definitions:
(a) "Levels of Care" mean the range of programs and the physical facilities in which they may be offered according to these rules.
(b) "Level I" refers to a skilled nursing care facility that provides at least 24-hour care and licensed nursing services to persons who are non-mobile and non-ambulatory. All Level I facilities shall conform to the requirements in the Utah Department of Health, Nursing Care Facility rules R432-150. A Level I facility with a bed capacity of 16 beds or less, may request a variance from some construction standards for nursing care facilities, if the health, safety, and welfare of residents can be preserved.
   (i) Skilled Nursing Facility shall maintain and operate 24-hour skilled nursing services for the care and treatment of chronically ill or convalescent residents whose primary need is the availability of skilled nursing care or related service on an extended basis.
   (ii) Intermediate Care Facility shall provide 24-hour in resident care to residents who need licensed nursing supervision and supportive care, but who do not require continuous nursing care.
(c) "Level II" refers to a facility that provides at least 24-hour care, 24-hour staff coverage, and licensed therapy or nursing care (based on program requirements) to 4-16 persons who are non-mobile and non-ambulatory. Level II facilities may include:
   (i) Health Care Nursery shall provide full-time supervision and care to children under six years of age who do not require continuous nursing care. The facility shall provide at least the following:
      (A) Twenty-four hour care and/or staff availability;
      (B) Provision for medical coverage;
      (C) Provision for dietary services;
      (D) Provision for licensed therapies, as required.
   (ii) Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded shall provide 24-hour supervisory care to developmentally disabled and mentally retarded individuals, (note: An
ICF/MR facility may be categorized as a Level IV facility if no resident is under therapy that utilizes chemical or physical restraints which may render the resident incapable of self-preservation in an emergency), who need supervision in a coordinated and integrated program of health, habilitative and supportive services, but who do not require continuous nursing care. The facility shall, except as indicated in the supplement, provide the following:

(A) Twenty-four hour care and staff availability;
(B) Provision for medical coverage;
(C) Provision for dietary services;
(D) Provision for licensed therapies, as required.

(iii) Home for the Aging shall provide group housing, supervision, social support, personal care, therapy, and some nursing care to elderly persons who do not need intermediate or skilled nursing care. The facility shall provide at least the following:

(A) Twenty-four hour staff availability;
(B) Provision for medical coverage;
(C) Provision for dietary services for at least three meals;
(D) Provision for licensed therapies, as necessary.

(iv) Social Rehabilitation Facility shall provide group housing, personal care, social rehabilitation, and treatment for alcoholism, drug abuse, or mental problems to persons who do not require intermediate or skilled nursing care. (Note: if each resident in the program is certified by a physician or QMRP as ambulatory and in an alcohol or drug abuse rehabilitation program designed to lead to independent living, then the facility may be categorized as a Level IV facility.) The facility shall provide the following:

(A) Twenty-four hour staff availability or program care;
(B) Provision for medical coverage;
(C) Provision for dietary services for at least three meals;
(D) Provision for licensed therapies, as necessary.

(d) "Level III" refers to a facility that provides at least 24-hour staff coverage and licensed therapy (based on program requirements) to 4-16 persons who are ambulatory and mobile but who are under chemical or physical restraints. Level III facilities may include:

(i) Mental Health Facility shall provide 24 hour care to persons with mental illness who require medical and psychiatric supervision including diagnosis and treatment. The facility shall provide at least the following:

(A) Twenty-four hour staff coverage;
(B) Provision for medical and psychiatric supervision;
(C) Provision for dietary services;
(D) Provision for licensed therapies, as necessary.

(ii) Youth Correction Center shall provide 24-hour supervision, care, training, treatment, and therapy to persons who by court order may be restricted in their daily activities, and under security control that includes lock-up. The facility shall provide at least the following:

(A) Twenty-four hour staff coverage;
(B) Provision for medical and psychiatric supervision;
(C) Provision for dietary services;
(D) Provision for licensed therapies, as necessary.
(e) "Level IV" refers to a facility that provides specialized program and support care to 4-16 persons who are ambulatory and mobile, who require programs of care and more supervision than provided in a residential care facility. Level IV facilities may include:

(i) Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded. All mentally retarded residents in a Level IV facility must be ambulatory to qualify for Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement.

(ii) Mental Health Facility. (See R432-200-4(2)(d)(i), Level III)

(iii) Home for the Aging. (See R432-200-4(2)(c)(iii), Level II)

(iv) Social Rehabilitation Facility. (See R432-200-4(2)(c)(iv), Level II)

R432-200-5. License Required.

See R432-2.


(1) See R432-12, Small Health Care Facility Construction rules.

R432-200-7. Administration and Organization.

(1) Organization.

Each facility shall be operated by a licensee.

(2) Duties and Responsibilities.

The licensee shall be responsible for compliance with Utah law and licensure requirements and for the organization, management, operation, and control of the facility. Responsibilities shall include at least the following:

(a) Comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations;

(b) Adopt and institute by-laws, policies and procedures relative to the general operation of the facility including the health care of the residents and the protection of their rights;

(c) Adopt a policy that states the facility will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, ancestry or national origin in accordance with Section 13-7-1;

(d) Appoint, in writing, a qualified administrator to be responsible for the implementation of facility by-laws and policies and procedures, and for the overall management of the facility;

(e) Secure and update contracts for professional and other services;

(f) Receive and respond, as appropriate, to the annual licensure inspection report by the Department;

(g) Notify the Department, in writing, at least 30 days prior to, but not later than five days after, a change of administrator. The notice shall include the name of the new administrator and the effective date of the change.

(3) Administrator.

(a) Administrator's Appointment.

Each facility shall appoint, in writing, an administrator professionally licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce in a health care field.

(b) A copy of the administrator's license or credentials shall be posted alongside the facility's license in a place readily visible to the public.

(c) The administrator shall act as the administrator of no more than four small health care facilities (or a maximum of 60 beds) at any one time.
(d) The administrator shall have sufficient freedom from other responsibilities and shall be on the premises of the facility a sufficient number of hours in the business day (at least four hours per week for each six residents) and as necessary to properly manage the facility and respond to appropriate requests by the Department.

(e) The administrator shall designate, in writing, the name and title of the person who shall act as administrator in his absence. This person shall have sufficient power, authority, and freedom to act in the best interests of resident safety and well-being. It is not the intent of this paragraph to permit an unlicensed de facto administrator to supplant or replace the designated, licensed administrator.

(4) Administrator Responsibilities.
The administrator shall have the following responsibilities:

(a) Complete, submit and file all records and reports required by the Department;
(b) Act as a liaison among the licensee, medical and nursing staff, and other supervisory staff of the facility, as appropriate, and respond to recommendations of the quality assurance committee;
(c) Assure that employees are oriented to their job functions and receive appropriate in-service training;
(d) Implement policies and procedures for the operation of the facility;
(e) Hire and maintain the required number of licensed and non-licensed staff as specified in these rules to meet the needs of residents;
(f) Maintain facility staffing records for 12 months;
(g) Secure and update contracts required for professional and other services not provided directly by the facility;
(h) Verify all required licenses and permits of staff and consultants at the time of hire and effective date of contract;
(i) Review all incident and accident reports and take appropriate action.

(5) Medical Director.
The administrator of each facility shall retain, by formal agreement, a licensed physician to serve as medical director or advisory physician on a consulting basis according to the residents' and facility's needs.

(6) Medical Director Responsibilities.
The medical director or advisory physician shall have responsibility for at least the following:

(a) Review or develop written resident-care policies and procedures including the delineation of responsibilities of attending physicians;
(b) Review resident-care policies and procedures annually with the administrator;
(c) Serve as liaison between the resident's physician and the administrator;
(d) Serve as a member of the quality assurance committee (see R432-200-10);
(e) Review incident and accident reports at the request of the administrator to identify health hazards to residents and employees;
(f) Act as consultant to the health services supervisor in matters relating to resident-care policies.

(7) Staff and Personnel.
(a) Organization.
The administrator shall employ qualified personnel who are able and competent to perform their respective duties, services, and functions.
(b) Qualifications and Orientation.
   (i) The administrator shall develop job descriptions including job title, job
   summary, responsibilities, qualifications, required skills and licenses, and physical
   requirements for each position or employee.
   (ii) Periodic employee performance evaluations shall be documented.
   (iii) All personnel shall have access to the facility’s policies and procedures
   manuals, resident-care policies, therapeutic manuals, and other information necessary to
effectively perform their duties and carry out their responsibilities.
(8) Health Surveillance.
   (a) The facility shall establish a policy and procedure for the health screening of all
   facility personnel which conforms with the provisions of R432-150-10(4).
   (b) All dietary and other staff who handle food shall obtain a Food Handler's Permit
   from the local health department.
(9) In-service Training.
   There shall be planned and documented in-service training for all facility personnel.
The following topics shall be addressed annually:
   (a) Fire prevention (see R432-200-11);
   (b) Accident prevention and safety procedures including instruction in the
   following:
      (i) Body mechanics for all employees required to lift, turn, position, or ambulate
      residents;
      (ii) Proper safety precautions when floors are wet or waxed;
      (iii) Safety precautions and procedures for heat lamps, hot water bottles, bathing and
      showering temperatures;
      (c) Review and drill of emergency procedures and evacuation plan (See R432-200-
11);
   (d) Prevention and control of infections (see R432-150-25);
   (e) Confidentiality of resident information;
   (f) Residents' rights;
   (g) Behavior Management and proper use and documentation of restraints;
   (h) Oral hygiene and first aid; and
   (i) Training in the principles of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for licensed
   nursing personnel and others as appropriate;
   (j) Training in habilitative care;
   (k) Reporting abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Smoking policies shall comply with Title 26, Chapter 38 the, "Utah Indoor Clean

(1) Contracts.
   (a) The licensee shall secure and update contracts for required professional and
other services not provided directly by the facility.
   (b) Contracts shall include:
      (i) The effective and expiration dates of the contract;
(ii) A description of goods or services provided by the contractor to the facility;
(iii) A statement that the contractor will conform to the standards required by Utah law or rules.

c) The contract shall be available for review by the Department.

(2) Transfer Agreements.

(a) The licensee shall maintain, a written transfer agreement with one or more hospitals (or nearby health facilities) to facilitate the transfer of residents and essential resident information.
(b) The transfer agreement shall include provisions for:
   (i) Criteria for transfer;
   (ii) Appropriate methods of transfer;
   (iii) Transfer of information needed for proper care and treatment of the individual being transferred;
   (iv) Security and accountability of the personal property of the individual being transferred;
   (v) Proper notification of the hospital and next of kin or responsible person before transfer.


(1) The administrator shall monitor the quality of services offered by the facility through the formation of a committee that addresses infection control, pharmacy, therapy, resident care, and safety, as applicable.

(2) The committee shall include the administrator, consulting physician or medical director, health services supervisor, and consulting pharmacist. Special program directors and maintenance and housekeeping personnel shall serve as necessary.

(3) The committee shall meet quarterly and keep minutes of the proceedings.

(4) Infection Control Requirements.
See R432-150-11.

(5) Pharmacy Requirements.
Based on the services offered, the committee shall:
   (a) Monitor the pharmaceutical services in the facility;
   (b) Recommend changes to improve pharmaceutical services;
   (c) Evaluate medication usage; and
   (d) Develop and review pharmacy policies and procedures annually, and recommend changes to the administrator and licensee.

(6) Resident Care Requirements.
Based on the services offered, the committee shall address the following:
   (a) Review, at least annually, the facility's resident care policies including rehabilitative and habilitative programs, as appropriate.
   (b) Make recommendations to the medical director and advisory physician as appropriate;
   (c) Review recommendations from other facility committees to improve resident care.

(7) Safety Requirements.
Based on the services offered, the committee shall address the following:
(a) Review all incident and accident reports and recommend changes to the administrator to prevent or reduce their reoccurrence;

(b) Review facility safety policies and procedures, at least annually, and make recommendations;

(c) Establish a procedure to inspect the facility periodically for hazards. An inspection report shall be filed with the Committee.

R432-200-11. Emergency and Disaster.

(1) Facilities have the responsibility to assure the safety and well-being of their residents in the event of an emergency or disaster. An emergency or disaster may include utility interruption, explosion, fire, earthquake, bomb threat, flood, windstorm, or epidemic.

(2) Policies and Procedures.

(a) The licensee and the administrator shall be responsible for the development of a plan, coordinated with state and local emergency or disaster authorities, to respond to emergencies and disasters.

(b) The written plan shall be distributed to all facility staff to assure prompt and efficient implementation.

(c) The plan shall be reviewed and updated to conform with local emergency plans, at least annually, by the administrator and the licensee.

(d) The plan shall be available for review by the Department.

(3) Staff and residents shall receive education, training, and drills to respond in an emergency.

(a) Drills and training shall be documented and comply with applicable laws and regulations.

(b) The name of the person in charge and names and telephone numbers of emergency medical personnel, agencies, and emergency transport systems shall be posted.

(4) Emergency Procedures.

The facility's response procedures shall address the following:

(a) Evacuation of occupants to a safe place within the facility or to another location;

(b) Delivery of essential care and services to facility occupants by alternate means;

(c) Delivery of essential care and services when additional persons are housed in the facility during an emergency;

(d) Delivery of essential care and services to facility occupants when staff is reduced by an emergency;

(e) Maintenance of safe ambient air temperatures within the facility;

(i) Emergency heating plans must have the approval of the local fire department.

(ii) An ambient air temperature of 58 degrees F (14 degrees C) or less constitutes an imminent danger to the health and safety of the residents in the facility. The person in charge shall take immediate and appropriate action in the best interests of the resident.

(5) Emergency Plan.

(a) The facility's emergency plan shall delineate:

(i) The person or persons with decision-making authority for fiscal, medical, and personnel management;

(ii) On-hand personnel, equipment, and supplies and how to acquire additional help, supplies, and equipment after an emergency or disaster;

(iii) Assignment of personnel to specific tasks during an emergency;
Methods of communicating with local emergency agencies, authorities, and other appropriate individuals;

The individuals who shall be notified in an emergency in the order of priority. Telephone numbers shall be accessible to staff at each nurse's station;

Methods of transporting and evacuating residents and staff to other locations;

Conversion of facility for emergency use.

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(b) Documentation of emergency events and responses and a record of residents and staff evacuated from the facility to another location shall be kept. Any resident emergency shall be documented in the resident's record.

Drills shall be held semi-annually for all residents and staff.

There shall be regular in-service training on disaster preparedness.

Fire Emergencies.

(a) The licensee and administrator shall develop a written fire-emergency and evacuation plan in consultation with qualified fire safety personnel.

(b) An evacuation plan delineating evacuation routes, location of fire alarm boxes, fire extinguishers, and emergency telephone numbers of the local fire department shall be posted throughout the facility.

(c) The written fire-emergency plan shall include fire-containment procedures and how to use alarm systems and signals.

(d) Fire and internal disaster drills shall be held, at least quarterly, under varied conditions for each shift.

(i) The actual evacuation of residents during a drill is optional except in a facility caring for residents who are capable of self-preservation.

(ii) The actual evacuation of residents during a drill on the night shift is optional.

**R432-200-12. Residents' Rights.**

(1) Residents' Rights Policies and Procedures.

(a) A committee shall be appointed to update policy, evaluate, and act on residents' rights complaints.

(b) Written residents' rights shall be established, posted in areas accessible to residents, and made available to the resident, or guardian, or next of kin.

(c) These shall be available to the public and the Department upon request.

(2) Each resident admitted to the facility shall have the following rights:

(a) To be fully informed, as evidenced by the resident's written acknowledgement prior to or at the time of admission and during stay, of residents' rights and of all rules governing resident conduct;

(b) To be fully informed, prior to or at the time of admission and during stay, of services available in the facility and of related charges, including any charges for services not covered by the facility's basic per diem rate or not covered under Titles XVIII or XIX of the Social Security Act;

(c) To be fully informed of his medical condition, by a physician, unless medically contraindicated and documented in the resident's health record by the attending physician;

(d) To be afforded the opportunity to participate in the planning of his medical treatment and to refuse to participate in experimental research;

(e) To refuse treatment to the extent permitted by law and to be informed of the medical consequences of such refusal;
(f) To be transferred or discharged only for medical reasons, or his welfare or that of other residents, or for nonpayment for his stay, and to be given reasonable advance notice to ensure orderly transfer or discharge; such actions shall be documented in his health record;

(g) To be encouraged and assisted throughout the period of stay to exercise rights as a resident and as a citizen, and to this end to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to facility staff or outside representatives of his choice, free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal;

(h) To manage his personal financial affairs, or to be given at least quarterly or upon request an accounting of financial transactions made on his behalf should the facility accept his written delegation of this responsibility;

(i) To be free from mental and physical abuse and to be free from chemical and (except in emergencies) physical restraints except as authorized in writing by a physician for a specified and limited period of time, or when necessary to protect the resident from injury to himself or to others (see R432-150-12);

(j) To be assured confidential treatment of his personal and medical records and to approve or refuse their release to any individual outside the facility, except in the case of his transfer to another health facility, or as required by law or third party payment contract;

(k) To be treated with consideration, respect and full recognition of his dignity and individuality, including privacy in treatment and in care for personal needs;

(l) Not to be required to perform services for the facility that are not included for therapeutic purposes in his plan of care;

(m) To associate and communicate privately with persons of his choice, and to send and receive personal mail unopened;

(n) To meet with and participate in activities of social, religious, and community groups at his discretion;

(o) To retain and use personal clothing and possessions as space permits, unless to do so would infringe upon rights of other residents;

(p) If married, to be assured privacy for visits by his spouse and if both are residents in the facility, to be permitted to share a room;

(q) To have daily visiting hours established;

(r) To have members of the clergy admitted at the request of the resident or person responsible at any time;

(s) To allow relatives or persons responsible to visit residents at any time;

(t) To be allowed privacy for visits with family, friends, clergy, social workers or for professional or business purposes;

(u) To have reasonable access to telephones both to make and receive confidential calls.

(v) To wear appropriate personal clothing and religious or other symbolic items as long as they do not interfere with diagnostic procedures or treatment.

3) Safeguards for Residents' Monies and Valuables

Each facility to whom a resident's money or valuables have been entrusted according to R432-200- 12(2)(h), above shall comply with the following:

(a) No licensee shall use residents' monies or valuables as his own or mingle them with his own.

(i) Residents' monies and valuables shall be separated and intact and free from any liability that the licensee incurs in the use of his own or the institution's funds and valuables.
(ii) Each licensee shall maintain adequate safeguards and accurate records of residents' monies and valuables entrusted to the licensee's care.

(b) Records of residents' monies which are maintained as a drawing account shall include a control account for all receipts and expenditures, an account for each resident and supporting vouchers filed in chronological order. Each account shall be kept current with columns for debits, credits, and balance.

(c) Records of residents' monies and other valuables entrusted to the licensee for safekeeping shall include a copy of the receipt furnished to the resident or to the person responsible for the resident.

(d) Residents' monies not kept in the facility shall be deposited within five days of receipt of such funds in an interest-bearing account in a local bank authorized to do business in Utah, the deposits of which must be insured.

(e) A person, firm, partnership, association or corporation which is licensed to operate more than one health facility shall maintain a separate account for each such facility and shall not commingle resident funds from one facility with another.

(f) When the amount of residents' money entrusted to a licensee exceeds $150, all money in excess of $150 shall be deposited in an interest-bearing account as specified in R432-200-12(3)(c) and (d) above.

(g) Upon discharge of a resident, all money and valuables of that resident which have been entrusted to the licensee shall be surrendered to the resident in exchange for a signed receipt. Money and valuables kept within the facility shall be surrendered upon demand and those kept in an interest-bearing account shall be made available within three normal banking days.

(h) Within 30 days following the death of a resident, except in a coroner or medical examiner case, all money and valuables of that resident which have been entrusted to the licensee shall be surrendered to the person responsible for the resident or to the executor or the administrator of the estate in exchange for a signed receipt. When a resident dies without a representative or known heirs, immediate written notice thereof shall be given by the facility to the State Medical Examiner and the registrar of the local probate court, and a copy of said notice shall be filed with the Department.


Each facility shall develop admission and discharge policies that shall be available to the public upon request.

(1) Admission Policies.

(a) Residents shall be accepted for treatment and care only if the facility is properly licensed for the treatment required and has the staff and resources to meet the medical, physical, and emotional needs of the resident.

(b) Residents shall be admitted by, and remain under the care of, a physician or individual licensed to prescribe care for the resident.

(c) There shall be a written order (a documented telephone order is acceptable) for admission and care at the time of admission.

(d) A resident shall be assessed within seven days of admission unless otherwise indicated by a program requirement. Admission policies shall define the assessment process including an identification of the resident's medical, nursing, social, physical, and emotional needs.
(e) A physical examination shall be performed, in accordance with R432-200-14(2), by the attending physician or by an individual licensed and so authorized. 

(f) Upon admission, a brief narrative of the resident's condition including his temperature, pulse, respiration, blood pressure, and weight shall be documented. 

(g) The resident shall be informed of his rights as a resident.

(i) A written copy of the facility's residents' rights shall be explained and given to the resident. 

(ii) If the resident is unable to comprehend his rights, a written copy shall be given to the next of kin or other responsible party.

(iii) The inability of the resident to provide consent shall be documented in the resident's record.

(2) Discharge Policies. 

(a) The resident shall be discharged when the facility is no longer able to meet the resident's identified needs.

(b) There shall be an order for the resident's discharge by the physician or person in charge of the resident's care.

(c) A discharge summary containing a brief narrative of the resident's diagnoses, course of treatment, conditions, and final disposition shall be documented in the medical record.

(d) Upon discharge of a resident, all money and valuables of that resident which have been entrusted to the licensee shall be surrendered to the resident in exchange for a signed receipt (see R432-200-12(3)).


(1) General Requirements. 

(a) Each resident in need of nursing services, habilitative, or rehabilitative care shall be under the care of a licensed physician.

(b) Each resident shall be permitted to choose his physician.

(c) Upon admission, each resident shall have orders for treatment and care.

(2) Physician Responsibilities. 

(a) Each resident shall have a medical history and pertinent physical examination at least annually.

(b) Each intermediate care resident shall be seen at least once during the first 60 days of residency.

(c) The attending physician or medical practitioner shall see the resident whenever necessary but at least every 60 days, unless the attending physician or practitioner documents in the resident's record why the resident does not need to be seen this frequently.

(d) The physician or practitioner shall establish and follow a schedule alternating visits.

(e) Each visit and evaluation shall be documented in the resident's record.

(3) Policies and Procedures.

There shall be policies and procedures that provide for: 

(a) Access to physician services in case of medical emergency or when the attending physician is not available;

(b) Names and telephone numbers of on-call physicians in the health services supervisor's office;
(c) Reevaluation of the resident and review of care and treatment orders when there is a change of attending physician which shall be completed within 15 days of such change.

(4) Non-Physician Practitioners.
The following practitioners may render medical services according to state law:
(a) Nurse practitioners licensed to practice in the state of Utah;
(b) Physicians' assistants working under the supervision of a licensed physician and performing only those selected diagnostic and therapeutic tasks identified in Rules and Regulations and Standards for Utilization of Physician Assistants.

(5) Physician Orders and Notes.
(a) The following items shall be part of the treatment record and shall be signed and dated by a physician:
(i) Admission orders;
(ii) Medication, treatment, therapy, laboratory, and diet orders;
(iii) History and physical examinations;
(iv) Physician's progress notes;
(v) The discharge summary;
(vi) All discharge orders;
(b) All telephone orders shall be recorded immediately and include:
(i) date and time of order;
(ii) the receiver's signature and title; and
(iii) the order shall be countersigned and dated within 15 days by the physician who prescribed the order.
(c) The attending physician shall complete the resident's medical record within 60 days of the resident's discharge, transfer, or death.

(6) Notification of Physician.
(a) The attending physician shall be notified promptly upon:
(i) Admission of the resident;
(ii) A sudden and/or marked adverse change in the resident's signs, symptoms, or behavior;
(iii) Any significant weight change in a 30-day period unless the resident's physician stipulates another parameter in writing;
(iv) Any adverse response or reaction by a resident to a medication or treatment;
(v) Any error in medication administration or treatment;
(vi) The discovery of a decubitus ulcer, the beginning of treatment, and if treatment is not effective. Notification shall be documented.
(b) The physician shall be notified if the facility is unable to obtain or administer drugs, equipment, supplies, or services promptly as prescribed. If the attending physician or his designee is not readily available, emergency medical care shall be provided. The telephone numbers of the emergency care physician shall be posted at the control station.
(c) All attempts to notify physicians shall be noted in the resident's record including the time and method of communication and the name of the person acknowledging contact, if any.

(1) Organization.
(a) Each facility shall provide nursing care services commensurate with the needs of the residents served.

(b) All licensed nursing personnel shall maintain current Utah licenses to practice nursing.

(2) Responsibilities of the Health Services Supervisor.

The health services supervisor shall have the following responsibilities and comply with R432-1-3(55):

(a) Direct the implementation of physician's orders;

(b) Plan and direct the delivery of nursing care, treatments, procedures, and other services to assure that each resident's needs are met;

(c) Review the health care needs of each resident admitted to the facility and formulate with other professional staff a resident care plan according to the attending physician's orders;

(d) Review the medication system for completeness of information, accuracy in the transcription of physician's orders, and adherence to stop-order policies;

(e) Ensure that nursing notes describe the care rendered including the resident's response. Instruct staff on the legal requirements of charting;

(f) Supervise clinical staff to assure they perform restorative measures in their daily care of residents;

(g) Teach and coordinate habilitative and rehabilitative care to promote and maintain optimal physical and mental functioning of the resident;

(h) Keep the administrator and attending physician informed of significant changes in the resident's health status;

(i) Plan with the physician, family, and health-related agencies the care of the resident upon discharge;

(j) Coordinate resident services through the quality assurance committees (see R432-200-10);

(k) Assign qualified supervisory and supportive staff throughout the day and night to assure that the health needs of residents are met;

(l) Develop written job descriptions for all health service personnel and orient all new personnel to the facility and their duties and responsibilities;

(m) Evaluate and document the performance of each member of the staff at least annually. This evaluation shall be available for Departmental review;

(n) Plan and conduct documented orientation and in-service programs for staff.

(3) Required Staffing Hours.

(a) Any facility that provides nursing care shall provide at least two hours (120 minutes) of nursing-staff coverage (RN + LPN + Aides) per resident per 24 hours of which 20 percent or 24 minutes per resident shall be provided by licensed staff (RN + LPN).

(b) Facilities providing rehabilitative or habilitative care shall:

(i) Provide adequate staff care and supervision to meet the resident's needs based on the resident-care plan, or;

(ii) Conform to the specific program requirements in the appropriate supplement.

(c) The above requirements are minimum only. Additional staff may be necessary to ensure adequate coverage in the event of staff illness, turnover, sudden increase in resident population, or similar event.
(d) Facilities that participate in the Medicare/Medicaid programs shall, as a condition of such participation, meet the staffing standards approved through administrative rule.

(4) Nursing or Health Care Services.
   (a) The health services procedure manual shall be reviewed and updated annually by the health services supervisor.
   (b) The manual shall be accessible to all clinical staff and available for review by the Department.
   (c) The procedures shall address the following:
      (i) Bathing;
      (ii) Positioning;
      (iii) Enema administration;
      (iv) Decubitus prevention and care;
      (v) Bed making;
      (vi) Isolation procedures;
      (vii) Clinitest procedures;
      (viii) Laboratory requisitions;
      (ix) Telephone orders;
      (x) Charting;
      (xi) Rehabilitative nursing;
      (xii) Diets and feeding residents;
      (xiii) Oral hygiene and denture care;
      (xiv) Naso-gastric tube insertion and care (by registered nurses, LPNs, with appropriate training, or physicians only).

(5) Measures to Reduce Incontinence.
   Measures shall be implemented to prevent and reduce incontinence for each resident.
   (a) There shall be a written assessment by a licensed nurse to determine the resident's ability to participate in a bowel and bladder management program.
   (b) An individualized plan for each incontinent resident shall begin within two weeks of the initial assessment.
   (c) A weekly evaluation of the resident's performance in the bowel/bladder management program shall be recorded in the resident's record by a licensed nurse.
   (d) Fluid intake and output shall be recorded for each resident as ordered by the physician or charge nurse.
      (i) Intake and output records shall be evaluated at least weekly and each evaluation shall be included in the resident's record;
      (ii) Physician's or nurse's orders shall be reevaluated periodically.

(6) Rehabilitative Nursing.
   Nursing personnel shall be trained in rehabilitative nursing.
   (a) Rehabilitative nursing services shall be performed daily for residents who require such services and shall be documented in the resident's record when provided.
   (b) Rehabilitative services shall be provided to maintain function or to improve the resident's ability to carry out the activities of daily living.
   (c) Rehabilitative nursing services shall include the following:
      (i) Turning and positioning of residents;
(ii) Assisting residents to ambulate;
(iii) Improving resident's range of motion;
(iv) Restorative feeding;
(v) Bowel and bladder retraining;
(vi) Teaching residents self-care skills;
(vii) Teaching residents transferring skills;
(viii) Teaching residents self-administration of medications, as appropriate;
(ix) Taking measures to prevent secondary disabilities such as contractions and decubitus ulcers.


(1) Each resident shall be treated as an individual with dignity and respect in accordance with Residents' Rights (R432-200-12).
(2) Each facility shall develop and implement resident care policies to be reviewed annually by the health services supervisor.
(3) These policies shall address the following:
   (a) Each resident upon admission shall be oriented to the facility, services, and staff.
   (b) Each admission shall comply with R432-200-13(1).
   (c) Each resident shall be encouraged and assisted to achieve and maintain the highest level of functioning and independence including:
      (i) teaching the resident self-care,
      (ii) assisting residents to adjust to their disabilities and prosthetic devices,
      (iii) directing residents in prescribed therapy exercises, and
      (iv) redirecting residents interests as necessary.
   (f) Residents must be reevaluated annually to determine if a less restrictive setting might be more appropriate to help them achieve independence.
   (g) Each resident shall receive care and treatment to ensure the prevention of decubiti, contractions, and deformities.
   (h) Each resident shall be provided with good nutrition and adequate fluids for hydration.
      (i) All residents shall have ready access to water and drinking glasses;
      (ii) Residents unable to feed themselves shall be assisted to eat in a prompt, orderly manner;
      (iii) Residents shall be provided with adapted equipment to assist in eating and drinking.
      (i) Visual privacy shall be provided for each resident during treatments and personal care.
   (j) Call lights or signals (where required) shall be answered promptly.
   (k) Humidifier bottles on oxygen equipment shall be sterile and changed every 24 hours or at the manufacturers direction.
(4) Notification of Family.
The person in charge shall immediately notify the resident's family or guardian of any accident, injury, or adverse change in the resident's condition after the first attempt to notify the physician. This notification shall be documented in the resident's record.

**R432-200-17. Resident-Care Plans.**

1. **General Provisions.**
   (a) A written resident-care plan, coordinated with nursing and other services, shall be initiated for each resident upon admission.
   (b) The resident-care plan shall be personalized and indicate measurable and time-limited objectives, the actual plan of care, and the professional discipline responsible for each element of care.
   (c) The resident care plan shall be developed, reviewed, revised, and updated at least annually through conferences with all professionals involved in the resident's care. Such conferences shall be documented.
   (d) Each resident's care shall be based on this plan.
   (e) The resident-care plan shall be available to all personnel who care for the resident.
   (f) The resident and family shall participate in the development and review of the resident's plan.
   (g) Upon transfer or discharge of the resident, relevant information from the resident-care plan shall be available to the responsible institution or agency.
   (h) A licensed nurse or other clinical specialist, where appropriate, shall summarize, each month, the resident's status and problems identified in the resident-care plan.

2. **Resident-Care Plans Contents.**
   The resident-care plan shall include at least the following:
   (a) Name, age, and sex of resident;
   (b) Diagnosis, symptoms, complaints;
   (c) A description of the functional level of the individual;
   (d) Care objectives and time frames for accomplishment, reevaluation, and completion;
   (e) Discipline or person responsible for each objective;
   (f) Discharge plan;
   (g) Date of admission;
   (h) Name of attending physician or medical practitioner.

**R432-200-18. Medication Administration.**

1. **Standing Orders.**
   Standing orders for medications, treatments, and laboratory procedures shall not be used. All orders shall be written for the individual resident.

2. **Administration of Medication and Treatments.**
   Medication and treatment shall be administered as follows:
   (a) No medication or treatment shall be administered except on the order of a person lawfully authorized to give such order.
   (b) Medications and treatments shall be administered as prescribed and according to facility policy.
(c) All medications and treatments shall be administered by licensed medical or licensed nursing personnel. Student doctors and nurses may administer medication and treatment only in the course of study and when supervised by a licensed instructor or designated staff.

(d) Monitoring of vital signs and other observations done in conjunction with the administration of medication shall be carried out as ordered by the physician or practitioner and as indicated by accepted professional practice.

(e) Preparation of doses for more than one scheduled time of administration shall not be permitted.

(f) Medication shall be administered when ordered or as soon thereafter as possible but no more than two hours after the dose has been prepared.

(g) Medication shall be administered by the same person who prepared the dose for administration.

(h) Residents shall be identified prior to the administration of any drug or treatment.

(i) No medication shall be used for any resident other than the resident for whom it was prescribed.

(j) If the person who prescribed a medication does not limit the duration of the drug order or the number of doses, the facility's automatic stop-order policy shall indicate how long a drug may be administered. The prescriber shall be notified before the medication is discontinued.

(k) All orders for treatment or therapy shall contain:

(i) the name of the treatment or therapy,

(ii) the frequency and time to be administered,

(iii) the length of time the treatment or therapy is to continue,

(iv) the name and professional title of the practitioner who gave the order,

(v) the date of order, and

(vi) signature of the person prescribing the treatment or therapy.

(l) All nursing personnel shall comply with the provisions for administration of medication according to standards and ethics of the profession.

(m) Injectable medications shall be administered only by authorized persons.

(i) If a physician certifies that a resident is capable of administering his own insulin or oral medications, the resident may self-inject the prescribed insulin or self-administer the prescribed medications.

(ii) The physician's order, authorizing the resident's self-administration of medications, shall be documented and available for Departmental review.


See R432-150-14.

**R432-200-20. Resident Care Equipment.**

(1) The facility shall provide equipment, in good working order, to meet the needs of residents.

(2) Disposable and single-use items shall be properly disposed of after use.

(3) Resident care equipment shall include at least the following:
(a) Self-help ambulation devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, and other devices deemed necessary in the resident plan of care. Facility policy may require that residents obtain their own equipment for long-term use;

(b) Blood pressure apparatus and stethoscopes, appropriate to the needs and number of residents;

(c) Thermometers appropriate to the needs of residents;

(d) Weight scales to weigh all residents;

(e) Bedpans, urinals, and equipment to clean them;

(f) Water pitchers, drinking glasses, and resident gowns;

(g) Drug service trays;

(h) Access to emergency oxygen including equipment for its administration;

(i) Emesis basins;

(j) Linens including sheets, blankets, bath towels, and wash cloths for not less than three complete changes for the facility's licensed bed capacity. There shall be a bedspread for each resident bed;

(k) Personal items including toothbrush, comb, hair brush, soap for bathing and showering, denture cups, shaving apparatus, and shampoo;

(l) An individual chart for each resident;

(m) Gloves (sterile and unsterile);

(n) Ice bags.


The facility shall make provision for pharmacy service.

(1) This service shall be under the direction of a qualified pharmacist currently licensed in the state of Utah.

(2) The pharmacist may be retained by contract.

(3) The pharmacist shall develop policies, direct, supervise and assume responsibility for any pharmacy services offered in the facility.

(4) Pharmacy services shall meet R432-150-19.


(1) Organization.

(a) There shall be an organized dietary service that provides safe, appetizing, and nutritional food service to residents.

(b) The service shall be under the supervision of a qualified dietetic supervisor or consultant.

(c) If a facility contracts with an outside food management company, the company shall comply with all applicable requirements of these rules.

(2) See R432-150-24.


(1) The facility shall provide social services which assist staff, residents, and residents' families to understand and cope with residents' personal, emotional, and related health and environmental problems.

(2) This service may be provided by a consultant.

(3) See R432-150-17.
(4) Responsibilities. Whether provided directly by the facility or by agreement with other agencies, social service personnel shall:
(a) Provide services to maximize each resident's ability to adjust to the social and emotional aspects of their condition, treatments, and continued stay in the facility;
(b) Participate in ongoing discharge planning to guarantee continuity of care;
(c) Initiate referrals to official agencies when the resident needs financial assistance;
(d) Maintain appropriate liaison with the family or other responsible person concerning the resident's placement and rights;
(e) Preserve the dignity and rights of each resident;
(f) Maintain records, including a social history and social-services-needs evaluation, (updated annually);
(g) Integrate social services with other elements of the resident-care plan.

(1) There shall be an organized resident activity program for the group and for each resident in the facility.
(2) See R432-150-20.

R432-200-25. Laboratory and Radiology Services.
(1) The facility shall make provision for laboratory and radiology services.
(2) See R432-150-18, Laboratory Services, and R432-150-23, Ancillary Health Services.

The facility shall make provision for annual and emergency dental care for residents. Such provisions shall include:
(1) Developing oral hygiene policies and procedures with input from dentists;
(2) Presenting oral hygiene in-service programs by knowledgeable persons to both staff and residents;
(3) Allowing resident's freedom of choice in selecting their own private dentists;
(4) Developing an agreement with a dental service for those residents who do not have a personal dentist;
(5) Arranging transportation to and from the dentist's office.

(1) Organization.
(a) A facility that provides specialized rehabilitative services may offer these services directly or through agreements with outside agencies or qualified therapists.
(b) Services may be offered either on-site or off-site.
(c) If the facility does not provide specialized rehabilitative services, the facility shall neither admit nor retain residents in need of such services.
(2) Personnel.
(a) Specialized rehabilitative services shall be provided by qualified licensed therapists in accordance with Utah law and accepted practices.
(b) Therapists shall offer the full scope of services to the resident.
(c) All therapy assistants shall be qualified and shall work under the direct supervision of a licensed therapist at all times.

(d) Speech pathologists shall be licensed under Title 58, Chapter 41.

   (a) Services shall be provided only on the written order of an attending physician.
   (b) Safe and adequate space and equipment shall be available commensurate with the needs of residents.
   (c) An appropriate plan of treatment shall be initiated by an attending physician and developed by the therapist in consultation with the nursing staff.
   (d) An initial progress report shall be submitted to the attending physician two weeks after treatment has begun or when specified by the physician.
   (e) The physician and therapist shall review and evaluate the plan of treatment monthly, unless, the physician recommends an alternate schedule in writing.
   (f) There shall be documentation in the resident's record of the specialized plan of treatment.


1. Organization.
   (a) Medical records shall be complete, accurately documented, and systematically organized to facilitate retrieval and compilation.
   (b) There shall be written policies and procedures to accomplish these purposes.
   (c) The medical record service shall be under the direction of a registered record administrator (RRA) or an accredited record technician (ART).
   (d) If an RRA or an ART is not employed at least part-time, the facility shall consult at least annually with an RRA or ART according to the needs of the facility.
   (e) A designated individual in the facility shall be responsible for day-to-day record keeping.

2. Retention and Storage.
   (a) Provision shall be made for the filing, safe storage, and easy accessibility of medical records.
      (i) The record and its contents shall be safeguarded from loss, defacement, tampering, fires, and floods.
      (ii) Records shall be protected against access by unauthorized individuals.
   (b) Medical records shall be retained for at least seven years after the last date of resident care. Records of minors shall be retained until the minor reaches age 18 or the age of majority plus an additional two years. In no case shall the record be retained less than seven years.
   (c) All resident records shall be retained within the facility upon change of ownership.
   (d) When a facility ceases operation, provision shall be made for appropriate safe storage and prompt retrieval of all medical records.

3. Release of Information.
   (a) There shall be written procedures for the use and removal of medical records and the release of information.
   (b) Medical records shall be confidential.
(i) Information may be disclosed only to authorized persons in accordance with federal, state, and local laws.

(ii) Requests for other information which may identify the resident (including photographs) shall require the written consent of the resident or guardian if the resident is judged incompetent.

(c) Authorized representatives of the Department may review records to determine compliance with licensure rules and standards.

(4) Physician or Licensed Practitioner Documentation

Rubber-stamp signatures may be used in lieu of the written signature of the physician or licensed practitioner if the facility retains the signator's signed statement acknowledging ultimate responsibility for the use of the stamp and specifying the conditions for its use.

(5) Medical Record.

(a) Records shall be permanent (typewritten or hand written legibly in ink) and capable of being photocopied.

(b) Records shall be kept for all residents admitted or accepted for treatment and care.

(c) Records shall be kept current and shall conform to good medical and professional practice based on the service provided to each resident.

(d) All records of discharged residents shall be completed and filed within 60 days of discharge.

(e) All entries shall be authenticated including date, name or identified initials, and title of persons making entries.

(6) Contents of the Medical Record

A facility shall maintain an individual medical record for each resident which shall include:

(a) Admission record (face sheet) including the resident's name; social security number; age at admission; birth date; date of admission; name, address, telephone number of spouse, guardian, authorized representative, person or agency responsible for the resident; and name, address, and telephone number of the attending physician;

(b) Admission and subsequent diagnoses and any allergies;

(c) Reports of physical examinations signed and dated by the physician;

(d) Signed and dated physician orders for drugs, treatments, and diet;

(e) Signed and dated progress notes including but not limited to:

(i) Records made by staff regarding the daily care of the resident;

(ii) Informative progress notes by appropriate staff recording changes in the resident's condition. Progress notes shall describe the resident's needs and response to care and treatment, and shall be in accord with the plan of care;

(iii) Documentation of administration of all "PRN" medications and the reason for withholding scheduled medications;

(iv) Documentation of use of restraints in accordance with facility policy including type of restraint, reason for use, time of application, and removal;

(v) Documentation of oxygen administration;

(vi) Temperature, pulse, respiration, blood pressure, height, and weight notations, when required;

(vii) Laboratory reports of all tests prescribed and completed;
(viii) Reports of all x-rays prescribed and completed;
(ix) Records of the course of all therapeutic treatments;
(x) Discharge summary including a brief narrative of conditions and diagnoses of the resident and final disposition;
(xi) A copy of the transfer form when the resident is transferred to another health care facility;
(xii) Resident-care plan.

Organization.
(1) There shall be adequate housekeeping services to maintain a clean sanitary and healthful environment in the facility.
(2) See R432-150-26.

(1) There shall be adequate laundry service to provide clean linens and clothing for residents and staff.
(2) See R432-150-27.

(1) Each facility shall develop and implement maintenance policies and procedures that shall be reviewed and updated annually.
(2) See R432-150-28.

R432-200-32. Penalties.
Any person who violates any provision of this rule may be subject to the penalties enumerated in 26-21-11 and R432-3-6 and be punished for violation of a class A misdemeanor as provided in 26-21-16.

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R432-201-1. Legal Authority.
This rule is adopted pursuant to Section 26-21-13.5.

R432-201-2. Purpose.
The purpose of this rule is to meet the legislative intent pursuant to 26-21-13.5.

(1) See R432-1-3.
(2) Special Definitions.
   (a) "Significantly Subaverage General Intellectual Functioning" is operationally defined as a score of two or more standard deviations below the mean on a standardized general intelligence test.
   (b) "Developmental Period" means the period between conception and the 18th birthday.

R432-201-4. Compliance.
   All facilities governed by these rules shall be in full compliance at the time of initial licensure.

R432-201-5. Licensure.
   (1) See Categories of licensure R432-200-4(2).
   (2) See R432-2.

   See R432-12, Small Health Care Facility Rules.

   (1) Governing Body.
      The facility shall identify an individual or group to constitute the governing body of the facility.
   (2) Duties and Responsibilities.
      The governing body shall:
      (a) exercise general policy, budget, and operating direction over the facility;
      (b) set the qualifications for the administrator of the facility;
      (c) appoint the administrator of the facility.
   (3) Compliance with Federal, State, and Local Laws.
      The facility shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of federal, state and local laws, regulations and codes pertaining to health, safety, and sanitation.
   (4) Administrator.
      Each facility shall appoint, in writing, an administrator professionally licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce in a health care field.
      (a) A copy of the administrator's license or credentials shall be posted alongside the facility's license in a place readily visible to the public.
      (b) The administrator shall act as the administrator of no more than four small health care facilities and no more than a total of 60 beds in any type of licensed health care facility.
      (c) The administrator shall have sufficient freedom from other responsibilities and shall be on the premises of the facility a sufficient number of hours in each business day (at least four hours per week for each six clients) and as necessary to properly manage the facility and respond to requests by the Department and the public.
      (d) The administrator shall designate, in writing, the name and title of the person who shall act as administrator in his absence.
      (i) This person shall have sufficient power, authority, and freedom to act in the best interests of client safety and well-being.
(ii) It is not the intent of this paragraph to permit an unlicensed de facto administrator to supplant or replace the designated, licensed administrator.

(5) Administrator Responsibilities.
(a) The administrator's responsibilities shall be included in a written job description on file in the facility and available for Department review.
(b) The job description shall include responsibility to insure the following duties are fulfilled:
   (i) complete, submit, and file all records and reports required by the Department;
   (ii) act as a liaison with the licensee, qualified mental retardation professional, QMRP, and other supervisory staff of the facility;
   (iii) respond to recommendations made by the facility committees;
   (iv) assure that employees are oriented to their job functions and receive appropriate and regularly scheduled in-service training;
   (v) implement policies and procedures for the operation of the facility;
   (vi) hire and maintain the required number of licensed and nonlicensed staff, as specified in these rules, to meet the needs of clients;
   (vii) maintain facility staffing records for at least the preceding 12 months;
   (viii) secure and update contracts for required professional and other services not provided directly by the facility;
   (ix) verify all required licenses and permits of staff and consultants at the time of hire or effective date of contract;
   (x) review all incident and accident reports and document action taken.
(A) Incident and accident reports shall be numbered and logged in a manner to account for all reports.
(B) Incident and accident reports shall have space for written comments by the administrator and, as appropriate, the attending physician and constituted committee.
(C) Original incident and accident reports shall be kept on file in the facility and shall be available for review by the Department.

R432-201-8. Staff and Personnel.
(1) Staff Qualifications and Orientation.
   (a) The administrator, QMRP, and department supervisors shall develop job descriptions for each position including job title, job summary, responsibilities, qualifications, required skills and licenses, and physical requirements.
   (b) Periodic employee performance evaluations shall be documented.
   (c) All personnel shall have access to facility policy and procedure manuals and other information necessary to effectively perform duties and carry out responsibilities.
(2) Health Surveillance.
   (a) The facility shall establish policies and procedures for the health screening of all facility personnel.
   (b) See R432-150-10(4).
   (c) All dietary and other staff who handle food shall obtain a Food Handler's Permit from the local health department.
(3) Qualified Mental Retardation Professional, QMRP.
   (a) Each client's active treatment program shall be integrated, coordinated and monitored by a qualified mental retardation professional.
(b) The qualified mental retardation professional shall meet the standards in R432-152-9(1)(b)(i) through (ii).

(4) Professional Program Services.
See R432-152-9(2)(a) through (f).

(5) Direct Care Staffing.
See R432-152-9(3)(a) through (d).

(6) Residential Living Unit Staff.
See R432-152-9(4)(a) through (d).

(7) Staff Training Program.
See R432-152-9(5)(a) through (d).

Volunteers may be utilized in the daily activities of the facility but may not be included in the facility's staffing plan in lieu of facility employees. See R432-152-10.

R432-201-10. Contracts and Agreements.
(1) Contracts.
(a) If a service required under this subpart is not provided directly, the facility shall have a written agreement with an outside program, resource, or service to furnish the necessary service, including emergency and other health care.
(b) The agreement shall:
(i) contain the responsibilities, functions, objectives, and other terms agreed to by both parties;
(ii) provide that the facility is responsible for assuring that the outside services meet the standards for quality of services contained in this subpart.
(c) The facility shall assure that outside services meet the needs of each client.
(d) If living quarters are not provided in a facility owned by the ICF/MR, the ICF/MR remains directly responsible for the standards relating to physical environment that are specified in R432-200-6 and R432-152-22.

(2) Transfer Agreements.
(a) The licensee shall maintain, where appropriate, a written transfer agreement with one or more hospitals, or nearby health facilities to facilitate the transfer of clients and essential client information.
(b) The transfer agreement shall include provisions for:
(i) criteria for transfer;
(ii) appropriate methods of transfer;
(iii) transfer of information needed for proper care and treatment of the individual transferred;
(iv) security and accountability of personal property of the individual transferred;
(v) proper notification of the hospital and the responsible person before transfer;
(vi) the facility responsible for client care in the process of transfer;
(vii) client confidentiality.

(1) The facility shall ensure the rights of all clients.
(2) The facility shall:
(a) inform each client, parent, if the client is a minor, or legal guardian, of the client's rights and the rules of the facility;

(b) inform each client, parent, if the client is a minor, or legal guardian, of the client's medical condition, developmental and behavioral status, attendant risks of treatment, and of the right to refuse treatment;

(c) allow and encourage individual clients to exercise their rights as clients of the facility, and as citizens of the United States, including the right to file complaints and the right to due process, and each client shall be afforded the opportunity to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and procedures to facility staff and outside representatives of personal choice, free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal;

(d) allow individual clients to manage their financial affairs and teach them to do so to the extent of their capabilities;

(e) ensure that clients are not subjected to physical, verbal, sexual or psychological abuse or punishment;

(f) ensure that clients are free from unnecessary drugs and physical restraints and are provided active treatment to reduce dependency on drugs and physical restraints;

(g) provide each client with the opportunity for personal privacy and ensure privacy during treatment and care of personal needs;

(h) ensure the clients are not compelled to participate in publicity events, fund raising activities, movies or anything that would exploit the client;

(i) ensure that clients are not compelled to perform services for the facility and ensure that clients who do work for the facility are compensated for their efforts at prevailing wages commensurate with their abilities;

(j) ensure clients the opportunity to communicate, associate and meet privately with individuals of their choice, including legal counsel and clergy, and to send and receive unopened mail;

(k) ensure that clients have access to telephones with privacy for incoming and outgoing local and long distance calls except as contraindicated by factors identified within their individual program plans;

(l) ensure clients the opportunity to participate in social and community group activities and the opportunity to exercise religious beliefs and to participate in religious worship services without being coerced or forced into engaging in any religious activity;

(m) ensure that clients have the right to retain and use appropriate personal possessions and clothing, and ensure that each client is dressed in his or her own clothing each day;

(n) permit a married couple both of whom reside in the facility to reside together as a couple.

3) Client Finances.

(a) The facility shall establish and maintain a system that:

(i) assures a full and complete accounting of clients' personal funds entrusted to the facility on behalf of clients;

(ii) precludes any commingling of client funds with facility funds or with the funds of any person other than another client.

(b) The client's financial record shall be available on request to the client, parents, if the client is a minor, or legal guardian.
(c) All monies entrusted to the facility on behalf of the clients shall be kept in the facility or shall be deposited within five days of receipt of such funds in an interest-bearing account in a local bank or savings and loan association authorized to do business in Utah, the deposits of which shall be insured.

(d) When the amount of a client's money entrusted to the facility exceeds $150, all money in excess of $150 shall be deposited in an interest-bearing account as specified in R432-201-11(3) above.

(e) A person, firm, partnership, association or corporation which is licensed to operate more than one health facility shall maintain a separate account for each such facility and shall not commingle client funds from one facility with another.

(f) Upon discharge of a client, all money and valuables of that client which have been entrusted to the licensee shall be surrendered to the client in exchange for a signed receipt. Money and valuables kept within the facility shall be surrendered upon demand and those kept in an interest-bearing account shall be made available within a reasonable time.

(g) Within 30 days following the death of a client, except in a medical examiner case, all money and valuables of that client which have been entrusted to the licensee shall be surrendered to the person responsible for the client or to the executor or the administrator of the estate in exchange for a signed receipt. When a client dies without a representative or known heirs, immediate written notice thereof shall be given by the facility to the State Medical Examiner and the registrar of the local probate court and a copy of said notice shall be filed with the Department.

(4) Communication with Clients, Parents, and Guardians.

The facility shall:

(a) promote participation of parent, if the client is a minor, and legal guardian in the process of providing active treatment to a client unless their participation is unobtainable or inappropriate;

(b) answer communications from a client's family and friends promptly and appropriately;

(c) promote visits by individuals with a relationship to a client, such as family, close friends, legal guardian and advocate, at any reasonable hour, without prior notice, consistent with the right of a client's and other clients' privacy, unless the interdisciplinary team determines that the visit would not be appropriate for that client;

(d) promote visits by parents or guardians to any area of the facility that provides direct client care service to a client, consistent with right of that client's and other clients' privacy;

(e) promote frequent and informal leaves from the facility for visits, trips, or vacations;

(f) notify promptly a client's parent or guardian of any significant incident, or change in a client's condition including, but not limited to, serious illness, accident, death, abuse, or unauthorized absence.

(5) Staff Treatment of Clients.

(a) The facility shall develop and implement written policies and procedures that prohibit mistreatment, neglect or abuse of a client.

(i) Staff of the facility shall not use physical, verbal, sexual or psychological abuse or punishment.
(ii) Staff shall not punish a client by withholding food or hydration that contribute to a nutritionally adequate diet.

(b) The facility shall prohibit the employment of individuals with a conviction or prior employment history of child, client abuse, spouse abuse, neglect or mistreatment.

(c) The facility shall ensure that all allegations of mistreatment, neglect, or abuse, or injuries of unknown source, are reported immediately to the administrator and to other officials in accordance with 62A-3-302 through established procedures.

(d) The facility shall have evidence that all alleged violations are thoroughly investigated and shall prevent further potential abuse while the investigation is in progress.

(e) The results of all investigations shall be reported to the administrator or designated representative and to other officials within five working days of the incident and, if the alleged violation is verified, appropriate corrective action shall be taken.


See R432-152-13.

R432-201-13. Admissions, Transfers, and Discharge.

(1) A client who is admitted by the facility shall be in need of and receive active treatment services.

(2) See R432-152-14, Admissions, Transfer and Discharge.


(1) See R432-152-15, Client Behavior and Facility Practice.

(2) See R432-152-13, Human Rights Committee.


See R432-152-16.


See R432-152-17.

R432-201-17. Dental Services.

See R432-152-18.


See R432-152-19.

R432-201-19. Laboratory Services.

See R432-152-20.


See R432-152-21.


See R432-152-22.
Smoking policies shall comply with R432-200-8.

R432-201-23. Pets in Long-Term Care Facilities.
Each facility shall develop a written policy regarding pets in accordance with R432-150-21.

See R432-150-26.

R432-201-25. Laundry Services.
See R432-150-27.


R432-201-27. Food Services.
See R432-150-24.

R432-201-28. Record System.
See R432-152-29.

R432-201-29. Penalties.
Any person who violates any provision of this rule may be subject to the penalties enumerated in 26-21-11 and R432-3-6 and be punished for violation of a class A misdemeanor as provided in 26-21-16.

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R432-270. Assisted Living Facilities.
R432-270-1. Legal Authority.
This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-270-2. Purpose.
This rule establishes the licensing and operational standards for assisted living facilities Type I and Type II. Assisted living is intended to enable persons experiencing functional impairments to receive 24-hour personal and health-related services in a place of residence with sufficient structure to meet the care needs in a safe manner.

(1) The terms used in these rules are defined in R432-1-3.
(2) In addition:
(a) "Assessment" means documentation of each resident's ability or current condition in the following areas:
   (i) memory and daily decision making ability;
   (ii) ability to communicate effectively with others;
   (iii) physical functioning and ability to perform activities of daily living;
   (iv) continence;
   (v) mood and behavior patterns;
   (vi) weight loss;
   (vii) medication use and the ability to self-medicate;
   (viii) special treatments and procedures;
   (ix) disease diagnoses that have a relationship to current activities of daily living status, behavior status, medical treatments, or risk of death;
   (x) leisure patterns and interests;
   (xi) assistive devices; and
   (xii) prosthetics.
(b) "Activities of daily living (ADL)" are the following:
   (i) personal grooming, including oral hygiene and denture care;
   (ii) dressing;
   (iii) bathing;
   (iv) toileting and toilet hygiene;
   (v) eating during mealtime;
   (vi) self administration of medication; and
   (vii) independent transferring, ambulation and mobility.
(c) "Dependent" means a person who meets one or all of the following criteria:
   (i) requires inpatient hospital or 24-hour continual nursing care that will last longer than 15 calendar days after the day on which the nursing care begins;
   (ii) is unable to evacuate from the facility without the physical assistance of two persons.
(d) "Home-like" as used in statute and this rule means a place of residence which creates an atmosphere supportive of the resident's preferred lifestyle. Home-like is also supported by the use of residential building materials and furnishings.
(e) "Licensed health care professional" means a registered nurse, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician licensed by the Utah Department of Commerce who has education and experience to assess and evaluate the health care needs of the resident.
(f) "Self-direct medication administration" means the resident can:
   (i) recognize medications offered by color or shape; and
   (ii) question differences in the usual routine of medications.
(g) "Semi-independent" means a person who is:
   (i) physically disabled but able to direct his own care; or
   (ii) cognitively impaired or physically disabled but able to evacuate from the facility or to a zone or area of safety with limited physical assistance of one person.
(h) "Service Plan" means a written plan of care for services which meets the requirements of R432-270-13.
(i) "Services" means activities which help the residents develop skills to increase or maintain their level of psycho-social and physical functioning, or which assist them in activities of daily living.

(j) "Significant change" means a major change in a resident's status that is self-limiting or impacts on more than one area of the resident's health status.

(k) "Significant assistance" means the resident is unable to perform any part of an ADL and is dependent upon staff or others to accomplish the ADL as defined in R432-270-3(2)(b).

(l) "Social care" means:
   (i) providing opportunities for social interaction in the facility or in the community; or
   (ii) providing services to promote independence or a sense of self-direction.

(m) "Unit" means an individual living space, including living and sleeping space, bathroom, and optional kitchen area.

R432-270-4. Licensing.

(1) A person that offers or provides care to two or more unrelated individuals in a residential facility must be minimally licensed as an assisted living facility if:
   (a) the individuals stay in the facility for more than 24 hours; and
   (b) the facility provides or arranges for the provision of assistance with one or more activity of daily living for any of the individuals.

(2) An assisted living facility may be licensed as a Type I facility if:
   (a) the individuals under care are capable of achieving mobility sufficient to exit the facility without the assistance of another person.

(3) An assisted living facility must be licensed as a Type II facility if the individuals under care are capable of achieving mobility sufficient to exit the facility only with the limited assistance of one person.

(4) A Type I assisted living facility shall provide social care to the individuals under care.

(5) A Type II assisted living facility shall provide care in a home-like setting that provides an array of coordinated supportive personal and health care services available 24 hours per day to residents who need any of these services as required by department rule.

(6) Type I and II assisted living facilities must provide each resident with a separate living unit. Two residents may share a unit upon written request of both residents.

(7) An individual may continue to remain in an assisted living facility provided:
   (a) the facility construction can meet the individual's needs;
   (b) the individual's physical and mental needs are appropriate to the assisted living criteria; and
   (c) the facility provides adequate staffing to meet the individual's needs.

(8) Assisted living facilities may be licensed as large, small or limited capacity facilities.
   (a) A large assisted living facility houses 17 or more residents.
   (b) A small assisted living facility houses six to 16 residents.
   (c) A limited capacity assisted living facility houses two to five residents.

R432-270-5. Licensee.
(1) The licensee must:
   (a) ensure compliance with all federal, state, and local laws;
   (b) assume responsibility for the overall organization, management, operation, and control of the facility;
   (c) establish policies and procedures for the welfare of residents, the protection of their rights, and the general operation of the facility;
   (d) implement a policy which ensures that the facility does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, or national origin in accordance with state and federal law;
   (e) secure and update contracts for required services not provided directly by the facility;
   (f) respond to requests for reports from the Department; and
   (g) appoint, in writing, a qualified administrator who shall assume full responsibility for the day-to-day operation and management of the facility. The licensee and administrator may be the same person.

(2) The licensee shall implement a quality assurance program to include a Quality Assurance Committee. The committee must:
   (a) consist of at least the facility administrator and a health care professional, and
   (b) meet at least quarterly to identify and act on quality issues.

(3) If the licensee is a corporation or an association, it shall maintain an active and functioning governing body to fulfill licensee duties and to ensure accountability.

R432-270-6. Administrator Qualifications.
   (1) The administrator shall have the following qualifications:
      (a) be 21 years of age or older;
      (b) have knowledge of applicable laws and rules;
      (c) have the ability to deliver, or direct the delivery of, appropriate care to residents;
      (d) be of good moral character;
      (e) complete the criminal background screening process defined in R432-35; and
      (f) for all Type II facilities, complete a Department approved national certification program within six months of hire.

   (2) In addition to R432-270-6(1) the administrator of a Type I facility shall have an associate degree or two years experience in a health care facility.

   (3) In addition to R432-270-6(1) the administrator of a Type II small or limited-capacity assisted living facility shall have one or more of the following:
      (a) an associate degree in a health care field;
      (b) two years or more management experience in a health care field; or
      (c) one year's experience in a health care field as a licensed health care professional.

   (4) In addition to R432-270-6(1) the administrator of a Type II large assisted living facility must have one or more of the following:
      (a) a State of Utah health facility administrator license;
      (b) a bachelor's degree in a health care field, to include management training or one or more years of management experience;
      (c) a bachelor's degree in any field, to include management training or one or more years of management experience and one year or more experience in a health care field; or
an associates degree and four years or more management experience in a health care field.

R432-270-7. Administrator Duties.
(1) The administrator must:
   (a) be on the premises a sufficient number of hours in the business day, and at other times as necessary, to manage and administer the facility;
   (b) designate, in writing, a competent employee, 21 years of age or older, to act as administrator when the administrator is unavailable for immediate contact. It is not the intent of this subsection to permit a de facto administrator to replace the designated administrator.
(2) The administrator is responsible for the following:
   (a) recruit, employ, and train the number of licensed and unlicensed staff needed to provide services;
   (b) verify all required licenses and permits of staff and consultants at the time of hire or the effective date of contract;
   (c) maintain facility staffing records for the preceding 12 months;
   (d) admit and retain only those residents who meet admissions criteria and whose needs can be met by the facility;
   (e) review at least quarterly every injury, accident, and incident to a resident or employee and document appropriate corrective action;
   (f) maintain a log indicating any significant change in a resident's condition and the facility's action or response;
   (g) complete an investigation whenever there is reason to believe that a resident has been subject to abuse, neglect, or exploitation;
   (h) report all suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation in accordance with Section 62A-3-302, and document appropriate action if the alleged violation is verified.
   (i) notify the resident's responsible person within 24 hours of significant changes or deterioration of the resident's health, and ensure the resident's transfer to an appropriate health care facility if the resident requires services beyond the scope of the facility's license;
   (j) conduct and document regular inspections of the facility to ensure it is safe from potential hazards;
   (k) complete, submit, and file all records and reports required by the Department;
   (l) participate in a quality assurance program; and
   (m) secure and update contracts for required professional and other services not provided directly by the facility.
(3) The administrator's responsibilities shall be included in a written and signed job description on file in the facility.

(1) Qualified competent direct-care personnel shall be on the premises 24 hours a day to meet residents needs as determined by the residents' assessment and service plans. Additional staff shall be employed as necessary to perform office work, cooking, housekeeping, laundering and general maintenance.
(2) The services provided or arranged by the facility shall be provided by qualified persons in accordance with the resident's written service plan.
(3) All personnel who provide personal care to residents in a Type I facility shall be at least 18 years of age and shall have related experience in the job assigned or receive on the job training.

(4) Personnel who provide personal care to residents in a Type II facility must be certified nurse aides or complete a state certified nurse aide program within four months of the date of hire.

(5) Personnel shall be licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with applicable state laws.

(6) The administrator shall maintain written job descriptions for each position, including job title, job responsibilities, qualifications or required skills.

(7) Facility policies and procedures must be available to personnel at all times.

(8) All personnel must receive documented orientation to the facility and the job for which they are hired. Orientation shall include the following:
   (a) job description;
   (b) ethics, confidentiality, and residents' rights;
   (c) fire and disaster plan;
   (d) policy and procedures; and
   (e) reporting responsibility for abuse, neglect and exploitation.

(9) Each employee shall receive documented in-service training. The training shall be tailored to include all of the following subjects that are relevant to the employee's job responsibilities:
   (a) principles of good nutrition, menu planning, food preparation, and storage;
   (b) principles of good housekeeping and sanitation;
   (c) principles of providing personal and social care;
   (d) proper procedures in assisting residents with medications;
   (e) recognizing early signs of illness and determining when there is a need for professional help;
   (f) accident prevention, including safe bath and shower water temperatures;
   (g) communication skills which enhance resident dignity;
   (h) first aid;
   (i) resident's rights and reporting requirements of Section 62A-3-201 to 312; and
   (j) special needs of the Dementia/Alzheimer's resident.

(10) An employee who reports suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall not be subject to retaliation, disciplinary action, or termination by the facility for that reason alone.

(11) The facility shall establish a personnel health program through written personnel health policies and procedures which protect the health and safety of personnel, residents and the public.

(12) The facility must complete an employee placement health evaluation to include at least a health inventory when an employee is hired. Facilities may use their own evaluation or a Department approved form.
   (a) A health inventory shall obtain at least the employee's history of the following:
      (i) conditions that may predispose the employee to acquiring or transmitting infectious diseases; and
      (ii) conditions that may prevent the employee from performing certain assigned duties satisfactorily.
(b) The facility shall develop employee health screening and immunization components of the personnel health program.

(c) Employee skin testing by the Mantoux Method and follow up for tuberculosis shall be done in accordance with R388-804, Tuberculosis Control Rule.

(i) Skin testing must be conducted on each employee within two weeks of hire and after suspected exposure to a resident with active tuberculosis.

(ii) All employees with known positive reaction to skin tests are exempt from skin testing.

(d) All infections and communicable diseases reportable by law shall be reported to the local health department in accordance with the Communicable Disease Rule, R386-702-2.

(e) The facility shall comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Blood-borne Pathogen Standard.


(1) Assisted living facilities shall develop a written resident's rights statement based on this section.

(2) The administrator or designee shall give the resident a written description of the resident's legal rights upon admission, including the following:

(a) a description of the manner of protecting personal funds, in accordance with Section R432-270-20; and

(b) a statement that the resident may file a complaint with the state long term care ombudsman and any other advocacy group concerning resident abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of resident property in the facility.

(3) The administrator or designee shall notify the resident or the resident's responsible person at the time of admission, in writing and in a language and manner that the resident or the resident's responsible person understands, of the resident's rights and of all rules governing resident conduct and responsibilities during the stay in the facility.

(4) The administrator or designee must promptly notify in writing the resident or the resident's responsible person when there is a change in resident rights under state law.

(5) Resident rights include the following:

(a) the right to be treated with respect, consideration, fairness, and full recognition of personal dignity and individuality;

(b) the right to be transferred, discharged, or evicted by the facility only in accordance with the terms of the signed admission agreement;

(c) the right to be free of mental and physical abuse, and chemical and physical restraints;

(d) the right to refuse to perform work for the facility;

(e) the right to perform work for the facility if the facility consents and if:

(i) the facility has documented the resident's need or desire for work in the service plan,

(ii) the resident agrees to the work arrangement described in the service plan,

(iii) the service plan specifies the nature of the work performed and whether the services are voluntary or paid, and

(iv) compensation for paid services is at or above the prevailing rate for similar work in the surrounding community;
(f) the right to privacy during visits with family, friends, clergy, social workers, ombudsmen, resident groups, and advocacy representatives;
(g) the right to share a unit with a spouse if both spouses consent, and if both spouses are facility residents;
(h) the right to privacy when receiving personal care or services;
(i) the right to keep personal possessions and clothing as space permits;
(j) the right to participate in religious and social activities of the resident's choice;
(k) the right to interact with members of the community both inside and outside the facility;
(l) the right to send and receive mail unopened;
(m) the right to have access to telephones to make and receive private calls;
(n) the right to arrange for medical and personal care;
(o) the right to have a family member or responsible person informed by the facility of significant changes in the resident's cognitive, medical, physical, or social condition or needs;
(p) the right to leave the facility at any time and not be locked into any room, building, or on the facility premises during the day or night. Assisted living Type II residents who have been assessed to require a secure environment may be housed in a secure unit, provided the secure unit is approved by the fire authority having jurisdiction. This right does not prohibit the establishment of house rules such as locking doors at night for the protection of residents;
(q) the right to be informed of complaint or grievance procedures and to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to facility staff or outside representatives without restraint, discrimination, or reprisal;
(r) the right to be encouraged and assisted throughout the period of a stay to exercise these rights as a resident and as a citizen;
(s) the right to manage and control personal funds, or to be given an accounting of personal funds entrusted to the facility, as provided in R432-270-20 concerning management of resident funds;
(t) the right, upon oral or written request, to access within 24 hours all records pertaining to the resident, including clinical records;
(u) the right, two working days after the day of the resident's oral or written request, to purchase at a cost not to exceed the community standard photocopies of the resident's records or any portion thereof;
(v) the right to personal privacy and confidentiality of personal and clinical records;
(w) the right to be fully informed in advance about care and treatment and of any changes in that care or treatment that may affect the resident's well-being; and
(x) the right to be fully informed in a language and in a manner the resident understands of the resident's health status and health rights, including the following:
   (i) medical condition;
   (ii) the right to refuse treatment;
   (iii) the right to formulate an advance directive in accordance with UCA Section 75-2-1101; and
   (iv) the right to refuse to participate in experimental research.
(6) The following items must be posted in a public area of the facility that is easily accessible by residents:
(a) the long term care ombudsmen's notification poster;
(b) information on Utah protection and advocacy systems; and
(c) a copy of the resident's rights.

(7) The facility shall have available in a public area of the facility the results of the current survey of the facility and any plans of correction.

(8) A resident may organize and participate in resident groups in the facility, and a resident's family may meet in the facility with the families of other residents.

(a) The facility shall provide private space for resident groups or family groups.
(b) Facility personnel or visitors may attend resident group or family group meetings only at the group's invitation.
(c) The administrator shall designate an employee to provide assistance and to respond to written requests that result from group meetings.

R432-270-10. Admissions.

(1) The facility shall have written admission, retention, and transfer policies that are available to the public upon request.

(2) Before accepting a resident, the facility must obtain sufficient information about the person's ability to function in the facility through the following:
   (a) an interview with the resident and the resident's responsible person; and
   (b) the completion of the resident assessment.

(3) If the Department determines during inspection or interview that the facility knowingly and willfully admits or retains residents who do not meet license criteria, then the Department may, for a time period specified, require that resident assessments be conducted by an individual who is independent from the facility.

(4) The facility shall accept and retain only residents who meet the following criteria:
   (a) Residents admitted to a Type I facility shall meet the following criteria before being admitted:
      (i) be ambulatory or mobile and be capable of taking life saving action in an emergency;
      (ii) have stable health;
      (iii) require no assistance or only limited assistance in the activities of daily living; and
      (iv) require and receive intermittent care or treatment in the facility from a licensed health care professional either through contract or by the facility, if permitted by facility policy.
   (b) Residents admitted to a Type II facility may be independent and semi-independent, but shall not be dependent.

(5) Type I and Type II assisted living facilities shall not admit or retain a person who:
   (a) manifests behavior that is suicidal, sexually or socially inappropriate, assaultive, or poses a danger to self or others; or
   (b) has active tuberculosis or other chronic communicable diseases that cannot be treated in the facility or on an outpatient basis; or may be transmitted to other residents or guests through the normal course of activities; or
   (c) requires inpatient hospital or long-term nursing care.
(6) A Type I facility may accept or retain residents who:
   (a) do not require significant assistance during night sleeping hours;
   (b) are able to take life saving action in an emergency without the assistance of another person; and
   (c) do not require significant assistance from staff or others with more than two ADL's.

(7) A Type II facility may accept or retain residents who require significant assistance from staff or others in more than two ADL's, provided the staffing level and coordinated supportive health and social services meet the needs of the resident.

(8) The prospective resident or the prospective resident's responsible person must sign a written admission agreement prior to admission. The admission agreement shall be kept on file by the facility and shall specify at least the following:
   (a) room and board charges and charges for basic and optional services;
   (b) provision for a 30-day notice prior to any change in established charges;
   (c) admission, retention, transfer, discharge, and eviction policies;
   (d) conditions under which the agreement may be terminated;
   (e) the name of the responsible party;
   (f) notice that the Department has the authority to examine resident records to determine compliance with licensing requirements; and
   (g) refund provisions that address the following:
      (i) thirty-day notices for transfer or discharge given by the facility or by the resident,
      (ii) emergency transfers or discharges,
      (iii) transfers or discharges without notice, and
      (iv) the death of a resident.

(9) A type I assisted living facility may accept and retain residents who have been admitted to a hospice program, under the following conditions:
   (a) hospice residents comprise no more than 25 percent of the facility's resident census.
   (b) the facility keeps a copy of the physician's diagnosis and orders for care;
   (c) the facility makes the hospice services part of the resident's service plan which shall explain who is responsible to meet the resident's needs; and
   (d) if a resident is admitted to a hospice program and is no longer capable of exiting the facility without assistance and the facility wants to retain the resident in the facility, the facility must:
      (i) submit a Request for Agency Action Variance Application to the Department; and
      (ii) ensure that the an individual capable of assisting the resident to exit the facility in an emergency is with the resident 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

(10) A type II assisted living facility may accept and retain residents who have been admitted to a hospice program, under the following conditions:
   (a) hospice residents comprise no more than 25 percent of the facility's resident census.
   (b) the facility keeps a copy of the physician's diagnosis and orders for care;
   (c) the facility makes the hospice services part of the resident's service plan which shall explain who is responsible to meet the resident's needs; and
(d) if a resident becomes dependent while on hospice care and the facility wants to retain the resident in the facility, the facility must:
   (i) develop an emergency plan to evacuate the hospice resident in the event of an emergency; and
   (ii) integrate the emergency plan into the resident's service plan.

R432-270-11. Transfer or Discharge Requirements.

(1) A resident may be discharged, transferred, or evicted for one or more of the following reasons:
   (a) The facility is no longer able to meet the resident's needs because the resident poses a threat to health or safety to self or others, or the facility is not able to provide required medical treatment.
   (b) The resident fails to pay for services as required by the admission agreement.
   (c) The resident fails to comply with written policies or rules of the facility.
   (d) The resident wishes to transfer.
   (e) The facility ceases to operate.

(2) Prior to transferring or discharging a resident, the facility shall serve a transfer or discharge notice upon the resident and the resident's responsible person.
   (a) The notice shall be either hand-delivered or sent by certified mail.
   (b) The notice shall be made at least 30 days before the day on which the facility plans to transfer or discharge the resident, except that the notice may be made as soon as practicable before transfer or discharge if:
      (i) the safety or health of persons in the facility is endangered; or
      (ii) an immediate transfer or discharge is required by the resident's urgent medical needs.

(3) The notice of transfer or discharge shall:
   (a) be in writing with a copy placed in the resident file;
   (b) be phrased in a manner and in a language the resident can understand;
   (c) detail the reasons for transfer or discharge;
   (d) state the effective date of transfer or discharge;
   (e) state the location to which the resident will be transferred or discharged;
   (f) state that the resident may request a conference to discuss the transfer or discharge; and
   (g) contain the following information:
      (i) for facility residents who are 60 years of age or older, the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman;
      (ii) for facility residents with developmental disabilities, the mailing address and telephone number of the agency responsible for the protection and advocacy of developmentally disabled individuals established under part C of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act; and
      (iii) for facility residents who are mentally ill, the mailing address and telephone number of the agency responsible for the protection and advocacy of mentally ill individuals established under the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act.

(4) The facility shall provide sufficient preparation and orientation to a resident to ensure a safe and orderly transfer or discharge from the facility.
(5) The resident or the resident's responsible person may contest a transfer or discharge. If the transfer or discharge is contested, the facility shall provide an informal conference, except where undue delay might jeopardize the health, safety, or well-being of the resident or others.
   (a) The resident or the resident's responsible person must request the conference within five calendar days of the day of receipt of notice of discharge to determine if a satisfactory resolution can be reached.
   (b) Participants in the conference shall include the facility representatives, the resident or the resident's responsible person, and any others requested by the resident or the resident's responsible person.

**R432-270-12. Resident Assessment.**

(1) Each person admitted to an assisted living facility shall have a personal physician or a licensed practitioner prior to admission.
   (2) A signed and dated resident assessment shall be completed on each resident prior to admission and at least every six months thereafter.
   (3) In Type I and Type II facilities, the initial and six-month resident assessment must be completed and signed by a licensed health care professional.
   (4) The resident assessment must include a statement signed by the licensed health care professional completing the resident assessment that the resident meets the admission and level of assistance criteria for the facility.
   (5) The facility shall use a resident assessment form that is approved and reviewed by the Department to document the resident assessments.
   (6) The facility shall revise and update each resident's assessment when there is a significant change in the resident's cognitive, medical, physical, or social condition and update the resident's service plan to reflect the change in condition.

**R432-270-13. Service Plan.**

(1) Each resident must have an individualized service plan that is consistent with the resident's unique cognitive, medical, physical, and social needs, and is developed within seven calendar days of the day the facility admits the resident. The facility shall periodically revise the service plan as needed.
   (2) The facility shall use the resident assessment to develop, review, and revise the service plan for each resident.
   (3) The service plan must be prepared by the administrator or a designated facility service coordinator.
   (4) The service plan shall include a written description of the following:
      (a) what services are provided;
      (b) who will provide the services, including the resident's significant others who may participate in the delivery of services;
      (c) how the services are provided;
      (d) the frequency of services; and
      (e) changes in services and reasons for those changes.

**R432-270-14. Service Coordinator.**
(1) If the administrator appoints a service coordinator, the service coordinator must have knowledge, skills and abilities to coordinate the service plan for each resident.

(2) The duties and responsibilities of the service coordinator must be defined by facility policy and included in the designee's job description.

(3) The service coordinator is responsible to document that the resident or resident's designated responsible person is encouraged to actively participate in developing the service plan.

(4) The administrator and designated service coordinator are responsible to ensure that each resident's service plan is implemented by facility staff.

**R432-270-15. Nursing Services.**

(1) The facility must develop written policies and procedures defining the level of nursing services provided by the facility.

(2) A Type I assisted living facility must employ or contract with a registered nurse to provide or delegate medication administration for any resident who is unable to self-medicate or self-direct medication management.

(3) A Type II assisted living facility must employ or contract with a registered nurse to provide or supervise nursing services to include:
   (a) a nursing assessment on each resident;
   (b) general health monitoring on each resident; and
   (c) routine nursing tasks, including those that may be delegated to unlicensed assistive personnel in accordance with the Utah Nurse Practice Act R156-31B-701.

(4) A Type I assisted living facility may provide nursing care according to facility policy. If a Type I assisted living facility chooses to provide nursing services, the nursing services must be provided in accordance with R432-270-15(3)(a) through (c).

(5) Type I and Type II assisted living facilities shall not provide skilled nursing care, but must assist the resident in obtaining required services. To determine whether a nursing service is skilled, the following criteria shall apply:
   (a) The complexity or specialized nature of the prescribed services can be safely or effectively performed only by, or under the close supervision of licensed health care professional personnel.
   (b) Care is needed to prevent, to the extent possible, deterioration of a condition or to sustain current capacities of a resident.

(6) At least one certified nurse aide must be on duty in a Type II facility 24 hours per day.

**R432-270-16. Secure Units.**

(1) A Type II assisted living facility with approved secure units may admit residents with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's/dementia if the resident is able to exit the facility with limited assistance from one person.

(2) Each resident admitted to a secure unit must have an admission agreement that indicates placement in the secure unit.
   (a) The secure unit admission agreement must document that a Department-approved wander risk management agreement has been negotiated with the resident or resident's responsible person.
(b) The secure unit admission agreement must identify discharge criteria that would initiate a transfer of the resident to a higher level of care than the assisted living facility is able to provide.

(3) There shall be at least one staff with documented training in Alzheimer's/dementia care in the secure unit at all times.

(4) Each secure unit must have an emergency evacuation plan that addresses the ability of the secure unit staff to evacuate the residents in case of emergency.

R432-270-17. Arrangements for Medical or Dental Care.

(1) The facility shall assist residents in arranging access for ancillary services for medically related care including physician, dentist, pharmacist, therapy, podiatry, hospice, home health, and other services necessary to support the resident.

(2) The facility shall arrange for care through one or more of the following methods:
   (a) notifying the resident's responsible person;
   (b) arranging for transportation to and from the practitioner's office; or
   (c) arrange for a home visit by a health care professional.

(3) The facility must notify a physician or other health care professional when the resident requires immediate medical attention.


(1) Residents shall be encouraged to maintain and develop their fullest potential for independent living through participation in activity and recreational programs.

(2) The facility shall provide opportunities for the following:
   (a) socialization activities;
   (b) independent living activities to foster and maintain independent functioning;
   (c) physical activities; and
   (d) community activities to promote resident participation in activities away from the facility.

(3) The administrator shall designate an activity coordinator to direct the facility's activity program. The activity coordinator's duties include the following:
   (a) coordinate all recreational activities, including volunteer and auxiliary activities;
   (b) plan, organize, and conduct the residents' activity program with resident participation; and
   (c) develop and post monthly activity calendars, including information on community activities, based on residents' needs and interests.

(4) The facility shall provide sufficient equipment, supplies, and indoor and outdoor space to meet the recreational needs and interests of residents.

(5) The facility shall provide storage for recreational equipment and supplies. Locked storage must be provided for potentially dangerous items such as scissors, knives, and toxic materials.


(1) A licensed health care professional must assess each resident to determine what level and type of assistance is required for medication administration. The level and type of assistance provided shall be documented on each resident's assessment.
(2) Each resident's medication program must be administered by means of one of the methods described in (a) through (d) in this section:

(a) The resident is able to self-administer medications.
   (i) Residents who have been assessed to be able to self-administer medications may keep prescription medications in their rooms.
   (ii) If more than one resident resides in a unit, the facility must assess each person's ability to safely have medications in the unit. If safety is a factor, a resident shall keep his medication in a locked container in the unit.

(b) The resident is able to self-direct medication administration. Facility staff may assist residents who self-direct medication administration by:
   (i) reminding the resident to take the medication;
   (ii) opening medication containers; and
   (iii) reminding the resident or the resident's responsible person when the prescription needs to be refilled.

(c) Family members or a designated responsible person may administer medications from a package set up by a licensed practitioner or licensed pharmacist which identifies the medication and time to administer. If a family member or designated responsible person assists with medication administration, they shall sign a waiver indicating that they agree to assume the responsibility to fill prescriptions, administer medication, and document that the medication has been administered. Facility staff may not serve as the designated responsible person.

(d) For residents who are unable to self-administer or self-direct medications, facility staff may administer medications only after delegation by a licensed health care professional under the scope of their practice.
   (i) If a licensed health care professional delegates the task of medication administration to unlicensed assistive personnel, the delegation shall be in accordance with the Nurse Practice Act and R156-31B-701.
   (ii) The medications must be administered according to the service plan.
   (iii) The delegating authority must provide and document supervision, evaluation, and training of unlicensed assistive personnel assisting with medication administration.
   (iv) The delegating authority or another registered nurse shall be readily available either in person or by telecommunication.

(3) The facility must have a licensed health care professional or licensed pharmacist review all resident medications at least every six months.

(4) Medication records shall include the following:
   (a) the resident's name;
   (b) the name of the prescribing practitioner;
   (c) medication name including prescribed dosage;
   (d) the time, dose and dates administered;
   (e) the method of administration;
   (f) signatures of personnel administering the medication; and
   (g) the review date.

(5) Each facility must have a licensed health care professional or licensed pharmacist document any change in the dosage or schedule of medication in the medication record. The delegating authority must notify all unlicensed assistive personnel who administer medications of the medication change.
(6) Each resident's medication record must contain a list of possible reactions and precautions for prescribed medications.

(7) The facility must notify the licensed health care professional when medication errors occur.

(8) Medication error incident reports shall be completed by the person who makes the error.

(9) Medication errors must be incorporated into the facility quality improvement process.

(10) Medications shall be stored in a locked central storage area to prevent unauthorized access.

(a) If medication is stored in a central location, the resident shall have timely access to the medication.

(b) Medications that require refrigeration shall be stored separately from food items and at temperatures between 36 - 46 degrees Farenheit.

(c) The facility must develop and implement policies for the security and disposal of narcotics. Any disposal of controlled substances by a licensee or facility staff shall be consistent with the provisions of 21 CFR 1307.21.

(8) The facility shall develop and implement a policy for disposing of unused, outdated, or recalled medications.

(a) The facility shall return a resident's medication to the resident or to the resident's responsible person upon discharge.

(b) The administrator shall document the return to the resident or the resident's responsible person of medication stored in a central storage.

R432-270-20. Management of Resident Funds.

(1) Residents have the right to manage and control their financial affairs. The facility may not require residents to deposit their personal funds or valuables with the facility.

(2) The facility need not handle residents' cash resources or valuables. However, upon written authorization by the resident or the resident's responsible person, the facility may hold, safeguard, manage, and account for the resident's personal funds or valuables deposited with the facility, in accordance with the following:

(a) The licensee shall establish and maintain on the resident's behalf a system that assures a full, complete, and separate accounting according to generally accepted accounting principles of each resident's personal funds entrusted to the facility. The system shall:

(i) preclude any commingling of resident funds with facility funds or with the funds of any person other than another resident, and preclude facility personnel from using residents' monies or valuables as their own;

(ii) separate residents' monies and valuables intact and free from any liability that the licensee incurs in the use of its own or the facility's funds and valuables;

(iii) maintain a separate account for resident funds for each facility and not commingle such funds with resident funds from another facility;

(iv) for records of residents' monies which are maintained as a drawing account, include a control account for all receipts and expenditures and an account for each resident and supporting receipts filed in chronological order;

(v) keep each account with columns for debits, credits, and balance; and
(vi) include a copy of the receipt that it furnished to the residents for funds received and other valuables entrusted to the licensee for safekeeping.

(b) The facility shall make individual financial records available on request through quarterly statements to the resident or the resident's legal representative.

(c) The facility shall purchase a surety bond or otherwise provide assurance satisfactory to the Department that all resident personal funds deposited with the facility are secure.

(d) The facility shall deposit, within five days of receipt, all resident monies that are in excess of $150 in an interest-bearing bank account, that is separate from any of the facility's operating accounts, in a local financial institution.

   (i) Interest earned on a resident's bank account shall be credited to the resident's account.

   (ii) In pooled accounts, there shall be a separate accounting for each resident's share, including interest.

(e) The facility shall maintain a resident's personal funds that do not exceed $150 in a non-interest-bearing account, interest-bearing account, or petty cash fund.

(f) Upon discharge of a resident with funds or valuables deposited with the facility, the facility shall that day convey the resident's funds, and a final accounting of those funds, to the resident or the resident's legal representative. Funds and valuables kept in an interest-bearing account shall be accounted for and made available within three working days.

(g) Within 30 days following the death of a resident, except in a medical examiner case, the facility shall convey the resident's valuables and funds entrusted to the facility, and a final accounting of those funds, to the individual administering the resident's estate.


(1) The facility must maintain accurate and complete records. Records shall be filed, stored safely, and be easily accessible to staff and the Department.

(2) Records shall be protected against access by unauthorized individuals.

(3) The facility shall maintain personnel records for each employee and shall retain such records for at least three years following termination of employment. Personnel records must include the following:

   (a) employee application;

   (b) date of employment;

   (c) termination date;

   (d) reason for leaving;

   (e) documentation of CPR and first aid training;

   (f) health inventory;

   (g) food handlers permits;

   (h) TB skin test documentation; and

   (i) documentation of criminal background screening.

(4) The facility must maintain in the facility a separate record for each resident that includes the following:

   (a) the resident's name, date of birth, and last address;

   (b) the name, address, and telephone number of the person who administers and obtains medications, if this person is not facility staff;
(c) the name, address, and telephone number of the individual to be notified in case of accident or death;
(d) the name, address, and telephone number of a physician and dentist to be called in an emergency;
(e) the admission agreement;
(f) the resident assessment; and
(g) the resident service plan.

(5) Resident records must be retained for at least three years following discharge.


(1) Facilities must have the capability to provide three meals a day, seven days a week, to all residents, plus snacks.
   (a) The facility shall maintain onsite a one-week supply of nonperishable food and a three day supply of perishable food as required to prepare the planned menus.
   (b) There shall be no more than a 14 hour interval between the evening meal and breakfast, unless a nutritious snack is available in the evening.
   (c) The facility food service must comply with the following:
      (i) All food shall be of good quality and shall be prepared by methods that conserve nutritive value, flavor, and appearance.
      (ii) The facility shall ensure food is palatable, attractively served, and delivered to the resident at the appropriate temperature.
      (iii) Powdered milk may only be used as a beverage, upon the resident's request, but may be used in cooking and baking.

(2) The facility shall provide adaptive eating equipment and utensils for residents as needed.

(3) A different menu shall be planned and followed for each day of the week.
   (a) All menus must be approved and signed by a certified dietitian.
   (b) Cycle menus shall cover a minimum of three weeks.
   (c) The current week's menu shall be posted for residents' viewing.
   (d) Substitutions to the menu that are actually served to the residents shall be recorded and retained for three months for review by the Department.

(4) Meals shall be served in a designated dining area suitable for that purpose or in resident rooms upon request by the resident.

(5) Residents shall be encouraged to eat their meals in the dining room with other residents.

(6) Inspection reports by the local health department shall be maintained at the facility for review by the Department.

(7) If the facility admits residents requiring therapeutic or special diets, the facility shall have an approved dietary manual for reference when preparing meals. Dietitian consultation shall be provided at least quarterly and documented for residents requiring therapeutic diets.

(8) The facility shall employ food service personnel to meet the needs of residents.
   (a) While on duty in food service, the cook and other kitchen staff shall not be assigned concurrent duties outside the food service area.
   (b) All personnel who prepare or serve food shall have a current Food Handler's Permit.
(9) Food service shall comply with the Utah Department of Health Food Service Sanitation Regulations, R392-100.

(10) If food service personnel also work in housekeeping or provide direct resident care, the facility must develop and implement employee hygiene and infection control measures to maintain a safe, sanitary food service.


(1) The facility shall employ housekeeping staff to maintain both the exterior and interior of the facility.

(2) The facility shall designate a person to direct housekeeping services. This person shall:
   (a) post routine laundry, maintenance, and cleaning schedules for housekeeping staff.
   (b) ensure all furniture, bedding, linens, and equipment are clean before use by another resident.

(3) The facility shall control odors by maintaining cleanliness.

(4) There shall be a trash container in every occupied room.

(5) All cleaning agents, bleaches, insecticides, or poisonous, dangerous, or flammable materials shall be stored in a locked area to prevent unauthorized access.

(6) Housekeeping personnel shall be trained in preparing and using cleaning solutions, cleaning procedures, proper use of equipment, proper handling of clean and soiled linen, and procedures for disposal of solid waste.

(7) Bathtubs, shower stalls, or lavatories shall not be used as storage places.

(8) Throw or scatter rugs that present a tripping hazard to residents are not permitted.


(1) The facility shall provide laundry services to meet the needs of the residents, including sufficient linen supply to permit a change in bed linens for the total number of licensed beds, plus an additional fifty percent of the licensed bed capacity.

(2) The facility shall inform the resident or the resident's responsible person in writing of the facility's laundry policy for residents' personal clothing.

(3) Food may not be stored, prepared, or served in any laundry area.

(4) The facility shall make available for resident use, the following:
   (a) at least one washing machine and one clothes dryer; and
   (b) at least one iron and ironing board.


(1) The facility shall conduct maintenance, including preventive maintenance, according to a written schedule to ensure that the facility equipment, buildings, fixtures, spaces, and grounds are safe, clean, operable, in good repair and in compliance with R432-6.

   (a) Fire rated construction and assemblies must be maintained in accordance with R710-3, Assisted Living Facilities.

   (b) Entrances, exits, steps, and outside walkways shall be maintained in a safe condition, free of ice, snow, and other hazards.
(c) Electrical systems, including appliances, cords, equipment call lights, and switches shall be maintained to guarantee safe functioning.

(d) Air filters installed in heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems must be inspected, cleaned or replaced in accordance with manufacturer specifications.

(2) A pest control program shall be conducted in the facility buildings and on the grounds by a licensed pest control contractor or a qualified employee, certified by the State, to ensure the absence of vermin and rodents. Documentation of the pest control program shall be maintained for Department review.

(3) The facility shall document maintenance work performed.

(4) Hot water temperature controls shall automatically regulate temperatures of hot water delivered to plumbing fixtures used by residents. The facility shall maintain hot water delivered to public and resident care areas at temperatures between 105 - 120 degrees Fahrenheit.


(1) The facility is responsible for the safety and well-being of residents in the event of an emergency or disaster.

(2) The licensee and the administrator are responsible to develop and coordinate plans with state and local emergency disaster authorities to respond to potential emergencies and disasters. The plan shall outline the protection or evacuation of all residents, and include arrangements for staff response or provisions of additional staff to ensure the safety of any resident with physical or mental limitations.

(a) Emergencies and disasters include fire, severe weather, missing residents, death of a resident, interruption of public utilities, explosion, bomb threat, earthquake, flood, windstorm, epidemic, or mass casualty.

(b) The emergency and disaster response plan shall be in writing and distributed or made available to all facility staff and residents to assure prompt and efficient implementation.

(c) The licensee and the administrator must review and update the plan as necessary to conform with local emergency plans. The plan shall be available for review by the Department.

(3) The facility's emergency and disaster response plan must address the following:

(a) the names of the person in charge and persons with decision-making authority;

(b) the names of persons who shall be notified in an emergency in order of priority;

(c) the names and telephone numbers of emergency medical personnel, fire department, paramedics, ambulance service, police, and other appropriate agencies;

(d) instructions on how to contain a fire and how to use the facility alarm systems;

(e) assignment of personnel to specific tasks during an emergency;

(f) the procedure to evacuate and transport residents and staff to a safe place within the facility or to other prearranged locations;

(g) instructions on how to recruit additional help, supplies, and equipment to meet the residents' needs after an emergency or disaster;

(h) delivery of essential care and services to facility occupants by alternate means;

(i) delivery of essential care and services when additional persons are housed in the facility during an emergency; and
(j) delivery of essential care and services to facility occupants when personnel are reduced by an emergency.

(4) The facility must maintain safe ambient air temperatures within the facility.
   (a) Emergency heating must have the approval of the local fire department.
   (b) Ambient air temperatures of 58 degrees F. or below may constitute an imminent danger to the health and safety of the residents in the facility. The person in charge shall take immediate action in the best interests of the residents.
   (c) The facility shall have, and be capable of implementing, contingency plans regarding excessively high ambient air temperatures within the facility that may exacerbate the medical condition of residents.

(5) Personnel and residents shall receive instruction and training in accordance with the plans to respond appropriately in an emergency. The facility shall:
   (a) annually review the procedures with existing staff and residents and carry out unannounced drills using those procedures;
   (b) hold simulated disaster drills semi-annually;
   (c) hold simulated fire drills quarterly on each shift for staff and residents in accordance with Rule R710-3; and
   (d) document all drills, including date, participants, problems encountered, and the ability of each resident to evacuate.

(6) The administrator shall be in charge during an emergency. If not on the premises, the administrator shall make every effort to report to the facility, relieve subordinates and take charge.

(7) The facility shall provide in-house all equipment and supplies required in an emergency including emergency lighting, heating equipment, food, potable water, extra blankets, first aid kit, and radio.

(8) The following information shall be posted in prominent locations throughout the facility:
   (a) The name of the person in charge and names and telephone numbers of emergency medical personnel, agencies, and appropriate communication and emergency transport systems; and
   (b) evacuation routes, location of fire alarm boxes, and fire extinguishers.

R432-270-27. First Aid.

(1) There shall be one staff person on duty at all times who has training in basic first aid, the Heimlich maneuver, certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency procedures to ensure that each resident receives prompt first aid as needed.

(2) First aid training refers to any basic first aid course approved by the American Red Cross or Utah Emergency Medical Training Council.

(3) The facility must have a first aid kit available at a specified location in the facility.

(4) The facility shall have a current edition of a basic first aid manual approved by the American Red Cross, the American Medical Association, or a state or federal health agency.

(5) The facility must have a clean up kit for blood borne pathogens.

(1) The facility may allow residents to keep household pets such as dogs, cats, birds, fish, and hamsters if permitted by local ordinance and by facility policy.
(2) Pets must be kept clean and disease-free.
(3) The pets' environment shall be kept clean.
(4) Small pets such as birds and hamsters shall be kept in appropriate enclosures.
(5) Pets that display aggressive behavior are not permitted in the facility.
(6) Pets that are kept at the facility or are frequent visitors must have current vaccinations.
(7) Upon approval of the administrator, family members may bring residents' pets to visit.
(8) Each facility with birds shall have procedures which prevent the transmission of psittacosis. Procedures shall ensure the minimum handling and placing of droppings into a closed plastic bag for disposal.
(9) Pets are not permitted in central food preparation, storage, or dining areas or in any area where their presence would create a significant health or safety risk to others.


(1) Assisted Living facilities may offer respite services and are not required to obtain a respite license from the Utah Department of Health.
(2) The purpose of respite is to provide intermittent, time limited care to give primary caretakers relief from the demands of caring for a person.
(3) Respite services may be provided at an hourly rate or daily rate, but shall not exceed 14-days for any single respite stay. Stays which exceed 14 days shall be considered a non-respite assisted living facility admission, subject to the requirements of R432-270.
(4) The facility shall coordinate the delivery of respite services with the recipient of services, case manager, if one exists, and the family member or primary caretaker.
(5) The facility shall document the person's response to the respite placement and coordinate with all provider agencies to ensure an uninterrupted service delivery program.
(6) The facility must complete a service agreement to serve as the plan of care. The service agreement shall identify the prescribed medications, physician treatment orders, need for assistance for activities of daily living and diet orders.
(7) The facility shall have written policies and procedures approved by the Department prior to providing respite care. Policies and procedures must be available to staff regarding the respite care clients which include:
  (a) medication administration;
  (b) notification of a responsible party in the case of an emergency;
  (c) service agreement and admission criteria;
  (d) behavior management interventions;
  (e) philosophy of respite services;
  (f) post-service summary;
  (g) training and in-service requirement for employees; and
  (h) handling personal funds.
(8) Persons receiving respite services shall be provided a copy of the Resident Rights documents upon admission.
(9) The facility shall maintain a record for each person receiving respite services which includes:
(a) a service agreement;
(b) demographic information and resident identification data;
(c) nursing notes;
(d) physician treatment orders;
(e) records made by staff regarding daily care of the person in service;
(f) accident and injury reports; and
(g) a post-service summary.

(10) Retention and storage of respite records shall comply with R432-270-21(1), (2), and (5).

(11) If a person has an advanced directive, a copy shall be filed in the respite record and staff shall be informed of the advanced directive.

R432-270-29b. Adult Day Care Services.

(1) Assisted Living Facilities Type I and II may offer adult day care services and are not required to obtain a license from Utah Department of Human Services. If facilities provide adult day care services, they shall submit policies and procedures for Department approval.

(2) "Adult Day Care" means the care and support to three or more functionally impaired adults through a comprehensive program that provides a variety of social, recreational and related support services in a licensed health care setting.

(3) A qualified Director shall be designated by the governing board to be responsible for the day to day program operation.

(4) The Director shall have written records on-site for each consumer and staff person, to include the following:

(a.) Demographic information;
(b.) An emergency contact with name, address and telephone number;
(c.) Consumer health records, including the following:
   (i) record of medication including dosage and administration;
   (ii) a current health assessment, signed by a licensed practitioner; and
   (iii) level of care assessment.
(d.) Signed consumer agreement and service plan.
(e) Employment file for each staff person which includes:
   (i) health history;
   (ii) background clearance consent and release form;
   (iii) orientation completion, and
   (iv) in-service requirements.

(5) The program shall have written eligibility, admission and discharge policy to include the following:

(a) Intake process;
(b) Notification of responsible party;
(c) Reasons for admission refusal which includes a written, signed statement;
(d) Resident rights notification; and
(e) Reason for discharge or dismissal.

(6) Before a program admits a consumer, a written assessment shall be completed to evaluate current health and medical history, immunizations, legal status, and social psychological factors.
(7) A written consumer agreement, developed with the consumer, the responsible party and the Director or designee, shall be completed, signed by all parties include the following:
   (a) Rules of the program;
   (b) Services to be provided and cost of service, including refund policy; and
   (c) Arrangements regarding absenteeism, visits, vacations, mail, gifts and telephone calls.

(8) The Director, or designee, shall develop, implement and review the individual consumer service plan. The plan shall include the specification of daily activities and services. The service plan shall be developed within three working days of admission and evaluated semi-annually.

(9) There shall be written incident and injury reports to document consumer death, injuries, elopement, fights or physical confrontations, situations which require the use of passive physical restraint, suspected abuse or neglect, and other situations or circumstances affecting the health, safety or well-being of a consumer while in care. Each report will be reviewed by the Director and responsible party. The reports will be kept on file.

(10) There shall be a daily activity schedule posted and implemented as designed.

(11) Consumers shall receive direct supervision at all times and be encouraged to participate in activities.

(12) There shall be a minimum of 50 square feet of indoor floor space per consumer designated for adult day care during program operational hours.
   (a) Hallways, office, storage, kitchens, and bathrooms shall not be included in computation.
   (b) All indoor and outdoor areas shall be maintained in a clean, secure and safe condition.
   (c) There shall be at least one bathroom designated for consumers use during business hours. For facilities serving more than 10 consumers, there shall be separate male and female bathrooms designated for consumer use.

(13) Staff supervision shall be provided continually when consumers are present.
   (a) When eight or fewer consumers are present, one staff person shall provide direct supervision.
   (b) When 9-16 consumers are present, two staff shall provide direct supervision at all time. The ratio of one staff per eight consumers will continue progressively.
   (c) In all programs where one-half or more of the consumers are diagnosed by a physician's assessment with Alzheimer, or related dementia, the ratio shall be one staff for each six consumers.


Any person who violates any provision of this rule may be subject to the penalties enumerated in 26-21-11 and R432-3-6 and be punished for violation of a class A misdemeanor as provided in Section 26-21-16.

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Utah Resident Rights

(1) The facility shall establish written residents' rights.

(2) The facility shall post resident rights in areas accessible to residents. A copy of the residents' rights document shall be available to the residents, the residents' guardian or responsible person, and to the public and the Department upon request.

(3) The facility shall ensure that each resident admitted to the facility has the right to:

(a) be informed, prior to or at the time of admission and for the duration of stay, of resident rights and of all rules and regulations governing resident conduct.

(b) be informed, prior to or at the time of admission and for the duration of stay, of services available in the facility and of related charges, including any charges for services not covered by the facility's basic per diem rate or not covered under Titles XVIII or XIX of the Social Security Act.

(c) be informed by a licensed practitioner of current total health status, including current medical condition, unless medically contraindicated, the right to refuse treatment, and the right to formulate an advance directive in accordance with UCA Section 75-2-1101;

(d) be transferred or discharged only for medical reasons, for personal welfare or that of other residents, or for nonpayment for the stay, and to be given reasonable advance notice to ensure orderly transfer or discharge;

(e) be encouraged and assisted throughout the period of stay to exercise all rights as a resident and as a citizen, and to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to facility staff and outside representatives of personal choice, free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal;

(f) manage personal financial affairs or to be given at least a quarterly accounting of financial transactions made on his behalf should the facility accept his written delegation of this responsibility;

(g) be free from mental and physical abuse, and from chemical and physical restraints;

(h) be assured confidential treatment of personal and medical records, including photographs, and to approve or refuse their release to any individual outside the facility, except in the case of transfer to another health facility, or as required by law or third party payment contract;

(i) be treated with consideration, respect, and full recognition of dignity and individuality, including privacy in treatment and in care for personal needs;

(j) not be required to perform services for the facility that are not included for therapeutic purposes in the plan of care;

(k) associate and communicate privately with persons of the resident's choice, and to send and receive personal mail unopened;
(l) meet with social, religious, and community groups and participate in activities provided that the activities do not interfere with the rights of other residents in the facility;

(m) retain and use personal clothing and possessions as space permits, unless to do so would infringe upon rights of other residents;

(n) if married, to be assured privacy for visits by the spouse; and if both are residents in the facility, to be permitted to share a room;

(o) have members of the clergy admitted at the request of the resident or responsible person at any time;

(p) allow relatives or responsible persons to visit critically ill residents at any time;

(q) be allowed privacy for visits with family, friends, clergy, social workers or for professional or business purposes;

(r) have confidential access to telephones for both free local calls and for accommodation of long distance calls according to facility policy;

(s) have access to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program or representatives of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program;

(t) choose activities, schedules, and health care consistent with individual interests, assessments and care plan;

(u) interact with members of the community both inside and outside the facility; and

(v) make choices about all aspects of life in the facility that are significant to the resident.

(4) A resident has the right to organize and participate in resident and family groups in the facility.

(a) A resident's family has the right to meet in the facility with the families of other residents in the facility.

(b) The facility shall provide a resident or family group, if one exists, with private space.

(c) Staff or visitors may attend meetings at the group's invitation.

(d) The facility shall designate a staff person responsible for providing assistance and responding to written requests that result from group meetings.

(e) If a resident or family group exists, the facility shall listen to the views and act upon the grievances and recommendations of residents and families concerning proposed policy and operational decisions affecting resident care and life in the facility.

(5) The facility must accommodate resident needs and preferences, except when the health and safety of the individual or other residents may be endangered. A resident must be given at least a 24-hour notice before an involuntary room move is made in the facility.
(a) In an emergency when there is actual or threatened harm to others, property or self, the 24 hour notice requirement for an involuntary room move may be waived. The circumstances requiring the emergency room change must be documented for Department review.

(b) The facility must make and document efforts to accommodate the resident's adjustment and choices regarding room and roommate changes.

(6) If a facility is entrusted with residents' monies or valuables, the facility shall comply with the following:

(a) The licensee or facility staff may not use residents' monies or valuables as his own or mingle them with his own. Residents' monies and valuables shall be separate, intact and free from any liability that the licensee incurs in the use of his own or the institution's funds and valuables.

(b) The facility shall maintain adequate safeguards and accurate records of residents' monies and valuables entrusted to the licensee's care.

(i) Records of residents' monies which are maintained as a drawing account must include a control account for all receipts and expenditures, an account for each resident, and supporting vouchers filed in chronological order.

(ii) Each account shall be kept current with columns for debits, credits, and balance.

(iii) Records of residents' monies and other valuables entrusted to the licensee for safekeeping must include a copy of the receipt furnished to the resident or to the person responsible for the resident.

(c) The facility must deposit residents' monies not kept in the facility within five days of receipt of such funds in an interest-bearing account in a local bank or savings and loan association authorized to do business in Utah, the deposits of which shall be insured.

(d) A person, firm, partnership, association or corporation which is licensed to operate more than one health facility shall maintain a separate account for each such facility and shall not commingle resident funds from one facility with another.

(e) If the amount of residents' money entrusted to a licensee exceeds $100, the facility must deposit all money in excess of $100 in an interest-bearing account.

(f) Upon annual license renewal, the facility shall provide evidence of the purchase a surety bond or other equivalent assurance to secure all resident funds.

(g) When a resident is discharged, all money and valuables of that resident which have been entrusted to the licensee must be surrendered to the resident in exchange for a signed receipt. Money and valuables kept within the facility shall be surrendered upon demand and those kept in an interest-bearing account shall be made available within three working days.

(h) Within 30 days following the death of a resident, except in a medical examiner case, the facility must surrender all money and valuables of that resident which have been entrusted to the licensee to the person responsible for the resident or to the executor or the
administrator of the estate in exchange for a signed receipt. If a resident dies without a representative or known heirs, the facility must immediately notify in writing the local probate court and the Department. (7) Facility smoking policies must comply with the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act, R392-510, 1995 and the rules adopted there under and Section 31-4.4 of the 1994 Life Safety Code.