
A. No person shall own, establish, conduct, maintain, manage, or operate any nursing facility, as defined in §32.1-123 of the Code of Virginia, without having obtained a license.

B. The nursing facility must comply with:

1. These regulations (12VAC5-371);

2. Other applicable federal, state or local laws and regulations; and

3. Its own policies and procedures.

C. The nursing facility shall submit, or make available, reports and information necessary to establish compliance with these regulations and applicable statutes.

D. The nursing facility shall submit, in a timely manner as determined by the center, and implement a written plan of action to correct any noncompliance with these regulations identified during an inspection. The plan shall include:

1. Description of the corrective action or actions to be taken;

2. Date of completion for each action; and

3. Signature of the person responsible for the operation.

E. The nursing facility shall permit representatives from the center to conduct inspections to:

1. Verify application information;

2. Determine compliance with this chapter;

3. Review necessary records; and

4. Investigate complaints.

F. The current license from the department shall be posted in a place clearly visible to the general public.

G. The nursing facility shall not operate more resident beds than the number for which it is licensed.
H. The nursing facility shall fully disclose its admission policies, including any preferences given, to applicants for admission.

I. The nursing facility shall identify its operating elements and programs, the internal relationship among these elements and programs, and the management or leadership structure.

J. The facility shall provide, or arrange for, the administration to its residents of an annual influenza vaccination and a pneumonia vaccination according to the most recent recommendations for "Prevention and Control of Influenza" (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5306a1.htm), MMWR 53 (RR06), and "Guidelines for Preventing Health Care-Associated Pneumonia, 2003" (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5303a1.htm), MMWR 53 (RR03), of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, unless the vaccination is medically contraindicated or the resident declines the vaccination offer.

Statutory Authority

§§32.1-12 and 32.1-127 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes