3201 ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

3201.1 An Administrator shall be present forty (40) hours per week during regular business hours, and shall be responsible for the operation of the facility twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

3201.2 The Administrator shall be:
(a) Licensed or otherwise approved as a nursing home administrator in the District of Columbia; and
(b) Certified annually by a licensed physician as having no physical or mental disabilities that would interfere with carrying out the Administrator’s responsibilities.

3201.3 The Administrator shall appoint the Director of Nursing, the Medical Director, the Assistant Administrator, a licensed registered nurse and a department head or another licensed or approved Administrator to act as Administrator in his or her absence. The Acting Administrator shall have the necessary authority to act in any absence of the Administrator so that each facility has an authorized Administrator on duty during regular business hours.

3201.4 If the Administrator is absent for more than six (6) consecutive weeks the facility shall designate an acting administrator who is qualified to be an administrator and shall notify the licensing agency.

3201.5 Each facility shall have written guidelines on the authority and responsibilities of the Administrator and the Acting Administrator.