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### 07 AAC 012.280. Rehabilitation Services.

(a) A nursing facility must provide a program of rehabilitative nursing care that assists each resident to achieve and maintain an optimal level of self-care and independence, as an integral part of the nursing service.

(b) A nursing facility must provide physical, occupational, or speech rehabilitative services for a resident on a full-time, part-time, or consultant basis in accordance with the needs of the resident.

(c) A therapist shall evaluate a resident in accordance with a physician's order. The therapist shall then establish an appropriate treatment program in coordination with medical, nursing, and other rehabilitative personnel.

(d) The therapist shall report on the resident's progress to the attending physician within two weeks after initiation of rehabilitative services. After that report, the therapist shall reevaluate and note in the resident's medical record the resident's status and treatment plan every 30 days in the case of a resident receiving active rehabilitation and at least every 90 days for other residents.

History -Eff.11/19/83, Register 88; am 5/28/92, Register 122.

Authority: AS 18.20.010 AS 18.20.060

### 7 AAC 12.690. Physical therapy service

(a) A facility that provides physical therapy services must retain, as an employee or under contract as a consultant of the facility, a physical therapist licensed under AS

08.84. If treatment is to be rendered by a physical therapy assistant, the physical therapy assistant must be licensed under AS 08.84, and the treatment must be planned, delegated, and supervised by the physical therapist.

(b) A physical therapist may evaluate a patient and establish a treatment program only upon written or verbal instructions from the treating physician. A treatment program and any modification to it must be approved by the referring physician. A physical therapist may accept a verbal order of a physician.

(c) A physical therapist shall perform the following duties or, if one or more of these duties is delegated to a physical therapy assistant, the physical therapist shall ensure that the duties are properly performed:

(1) enter each treatment into the patient's medical record;

(2) prepare clinical progress notes;

(3) prepare summaries of care.

History: Eff. 11/19/83, Register 88; am 5/24/2007, Register 182 Authority: AS 18.05.040  
AS 47.32.010 AS 47.32.030

#### 7 AAC 12.710. Occupational therapy service

(a) A facility which provides occupational therapy services must retain an occupational therapist as an employee or consultant of the facility.

(b) Repealed 5/28/92.

(c) An occupational therapist shall directly supervise assistants.

History: Eff. 11/19/83, Register 88; am 5/28/92, Register 122 Authority: AS 18.05.040  
AS 18.20.010 AS 18.20.060