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s 72401. Optional Service Units -General.

(a) "Optional service unit" means a functional unit of a skilled nursing facility which is organized, staffed and equipped to provide a specific type or types of patient care. A facility is not required to operate an optional service unit.

(b) The following types of optional service units may be operated in a skilled nursing facility: physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, speech pathology, audiology, social work services, and special treatment program services.

(c) If outpatient services are to be provided for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, and/or audiology services, the following conditions shall be met:

(1) Outpatient service units shall be located or constructed in a manner that will minimize noise, odors, hazards and unsightliness to the facility's inpatients.

(2) Outpatient access to optional service units shall not traverse a nursing unit.

(3) Separate toilets for men and women outpatients shall be provided.

(4) Drinking water facilities of a type approved by the Department shall be available for outpatients and personnel.

(5) Handwashing facilities with hot and cold water supply shall be provided in the optional service units.

(6) Waiting areas shall be provided with sufficient floor space to seat the maximum number of persons who are expected to be accommodated at any one time.

(d) Each optional service unit within the facility shall be approved by the Department. Any facility desiring approval for an optional service unit shall file an application on forms furnished by the Department.

(e) The Department shall list on the facility license each optional service for which approval is granted.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

s 72403. Physical Therapy Service Unit -Services.

(a) "Physical therapy service" means those services ordered by a physician for a patient or upon a physician's referral and provided to a patient by or under the supervision of a physical therapist.

(b) Physical therapy services shall include but are not limited to:

(1) Assisting the physician in an evaluation of the patient's rehabilitation potential.

(2) Applying muscle, nerve, joint and functional ability tests.

(3) Treating patients to relieve pain and to develop or restore function.

(4) Assisting patients to achieve and maintain maximum performance using physical means such as exercise, massage, heat, sound, water, light or electricity.

(5) Establishing and modifying a treatment program by the physical therapist, as needed, based upon initial and continuing assessment of the patient.

(6) Maintaining patient health records which contain pertinent information and signed orders for treatment.

(A) Notes shall be written and entered in the patient's health record after completion of each procedure. The note shall indicate the procedure(s) and shall be signed by the physical therapist.

(B) Initial and continuing assessment, development of a treatment plan and discharge summary shall be written and entered in each patient's health record.

(C) Individual progress notes shall be written and signed at least weekly by the physical therapist.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

§ 72405. Physical Therapy Service Unit -Policies and Procedures.

(a) Each physical therapy service Unit shall have written policies and procedures for the management of the physical therapy service.

(b) The policies and procedures shall be established and implemented by the patient care policy committee in consultation with a physical therapist.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

§72407. Physical Therapy Service Unit -Staff.

(a) The physical therapy service unit shall be under the direction of a physical therapist.

(b) A physical therapist assistant shall treat patients only under the supervision of a

physical therapist in accordance with the Physical Therapy Practice Act, Article 4.5 (beginning with Section 2655) of the Business and Professions Code.

(c) A physical therapy aide shall work only under the direct supervision of a physical therapist.

(d) There shall be physical therapists, physical therapist assistants and physical therapy aides to meet the identified needs of the patients.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

s 72409. Physical Therapy Service Unit -Equipment.

(a) Equipment shall be sufficient to provide the physical therapy services offered. The equipment shall include but not be limited to:

(1) Parallel bars.

(2) Full view mirror.

(3) Overhead pulley and weights.

(4) Set of training stairs.

(5) Treatment table enclosed by cubicle curtains for privacy.

(6) Availability of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches and other ambulation aids.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

s 72411. Physical Therapy Service Unit -Space.

(a) Adequate space shall be maintained for the necessary equipment needed to provide physical therapy service. The minimum floor area for physical therapy service shall be 28 square meters (300 square feet), no dimension of which shall be less than 3.7 meters (12 feet).

(b) A sink shall be provided in the treatment area and shall have controls other than hand controls.

(c) The toilet facilities shall be located nearby and equipped with grab bars on both sides of the commode and the space shall be of sufficient size to allow for patient transfer activities.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code

s 72413. Occupational Therapy Service Unit -Services.

(a) "Occupational therapy service" means those medically prescribed services in which selected purposeful activity is used as treatment in the rehabilitation of persons with a physical or mental disability.

(b) Occupational therapy services shall include but not be limited to:

(1) Assisting the physician in an evaluation of a patient's level of function by applying diagnostic and prognostic tests.

(2) Conducting and preparing written initial and continuing assessment of the patient's condition and modifying treatment goals under the order of a physician, consistent with identified needs of the patient.

(3) Decreasing or eliminating disability during patient's initial phase of recovery following injury or illness.

(4) Increasing or maintaining a patient's capability for independence.

(5) Enhancing a patient's physical, emotional and social well-being.

(6) Developing function to a maximum level.

(7) Guiding patients in their use of therapeutic, creative and self-care activities.

(c) An occupational therapy service unit shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Patient health records shall contain pertinent information and signed orders for treatment.

(2) Notes shall be written and entered in the patient's health record after completion of each procedure. The note shall indicate the procedure(s) performed, the reaction of the patient to the procedure(s) and shall be signed by the occupational therapist.

(3) Initial and continuing assessment, development of a treatment plan and discharge summary shall be written and entered in each patient's health record.

(4) Individual progress notes shall be written and signed at least weekly by the occupational therapist.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

s 72415. Occupational Therapy Service Unit -Policies and Procedures.

(a) Each occupational therapy service unit shall have written policies and procedures for the management of the occupational therapy service.

(b) The policies and procedures shall be established and implemented by the patient care policy committee in consultation with an occupational therapist.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

§72417. Occupational Therapy Service Unit -Staff.

(a) The occupational therapy service unit shall be under the direction of an occupational therapist.

(b) An occupational therapy assistant shall work only under the supervision of an occupational therapist.

(c) There shall be occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants in the number to meet the identified needs of the patients.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

§72419. Occupational Therapy Service Unit -Equipment.

(a) Necessary equipment shall be available to provide the occupational therapy services offered. The equipment shall include but not be limited to:

(1) Supportive slings, supportive and assistive hand splints and the materials from which to fabricate these and other assistive devices.

(2) Adaptive devices to aid in the performance of daily living skills such as eating, dressing, grooming and writing, with instructions for their use.

(3) Equipment and supplies for the development of creative skills.

(4) Means and supplies for adapting equipment for reeducation in activities of daily living.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

§72421. Occupational Therapy Service Unit -Space.

(a) Space shall be provided for the necessary equipment needed to provide occupational therapy. The minimum floor area shall be 28 square meters (300 square feet), no dimension of which shall be less than 3.7 meters (12 feet).

(b) A sink shall be provided in the treatment area and shall have controls not requiring the use of hands.

(c) The toilet facilities shall be located nearby and equipped with grab bars on both sides of the commode, and the space shall be of sufficient size to allow for patient transfer activities.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 1276 and 18948, Health and Safety Code.

s 72423. Speech Pathology and/or Audiology Service Unit -Services.

(a) "Speech pathology and/or audiology services" means those services referred or ordered by a physician which provide diagnostic screening and preventive and corrective therapy for persons with speech, hearing and/or language disorders.

(b) Speech pathology and/or audiology service shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) Conducting and preparing written initial and continuing assessment of a patient.

(2) Notes written and entered in the patient's health record after each treatment. The notes shall indicate the treatment performed, the reaction of the patient to the treatment, and be signed by the speech pathologist or audiologist.

(3) Instruction of other health team personnel and family members in methods of assisting the patient to improve or correct a speech or hearing disorder.

(c) A speech pathology and/or audiology service unit shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Patient health records shall contain a patient's history and signed orders for treatment.

(2) Progress notes shall be written at least weekly and entered in the patient health record and shall be signed by the speech pathologist and/or audiologist.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

s 72425. Speech Pathology and/or Audiology Service Unit -Policies and Procedures.

(a) Each speech pathology and/or audiology service unit shall have written policies and procedures for the management of the speech pathology and/or audiology service.

(b) The policies and procedures shall be established and implemented by the patient care policy committee in consultation with a speech pathologist and/or audiologist.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

§ 72427. Speech Pathology and/or Audiology Service Unit -Staff.

(a) Each speech pathology service unit shall employ a speech pathologist for a sufficient number of hours to meet the needs of the patients and requirements of Section 72469.

(b) Each audiology service unit shall employ an audiologist for a sufficient number of hours to meet the needs of the patients and requirements of Section 72469.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

s 72429. Speech Pathology and/or Audiology Service Unit -Equipment.

(a) Necessary equipment shall be available to provide the speech pathology and/or audiology services offered. The equipment shall include but not be limited to:

(1) A diagnostic clinical audiometer.

(2) Diagnostic tests and materials.

(3) Other equipment and materials deemed necessary by the speech pathologist and/or audiologist to meet the needs of patients. Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

s 72431. Speech Pathology and/or Audiology Service Unit -Space. Space free of ambient noise shall be provided by the facility to produce valid test results. Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code.