

12.E. Specialized Therapy Services

Based upon the resident's comprehensive assessment, the facility must provide or obtain specialized therapy services, i.e., physical therapy, speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, and mental health services for each resident as needed and prescribed in the plan of care.

12.E.1. Care Plan

- a. Based on the resident's comprehensive assessment, these services shall be integrated into the resident's comprehensive multidisciplinary care plan, as necessary.
- b. The resident's care plan, progress and continued need for specialized therapy is reevaluated as necessary, and recommendations made to the physician and the multidisciplinary team.

12.E.2. Therapists' Responsibilities

- a. Specialized therapy is provided only on written orders of the physician.
- b. The therapist shall evaluate each resident referred and recommend a rehabilitative treatment regimen, if appropriate.
- c. The therapist, in consultation with the physician, shall initiate the therapy and reevaluate the continuing need for therapy as needed.
- d. The therapist shall provide training for staff and supervise the provision of care to assure acceptable level of performance for qualified support personnel.
- e. The therapist shall document each treatment and progress noted in the residents' records.

12.E.3. Space and Equipment

- a. Space that shall serve the needs of the residents shall be made available for specialized therapies.
- b. Equipment necessary for the provision of specialized therapy services shall be available and used as needed.