

COLORADO

Part 13. EMERGENCY SERVICES

13.1 EMERGENCY CARE POLICIES. The facility shall have and follow written policies for the care of residents in an emergency available for staff use, including:

- 1) arrangements for necessary medical care when a resident's physician is unavailable (developed by persons described in Section 6.2);
- 2) procedures and training programs that cover immediate care of residents; and
- 3) persons to be notified in an emergency.

13.2 FIRE AND INTERNAL DISASTER PLAN. With the assistance of qualified fire and safety experts, the facility shall develop written policies and procedures for protection of persons within the building in case of fire, explosion, flood, staff shortage, food shortage, termination of vital services, or other emergency in the building. Policies shall include:

- 1) brief, written instructions, posted at each nurses' station, that include persons to be notified and other immediate steps to be taken before the fire department or other assistance arrives;
- 2) a schematic plan of the building or portions thereof posted at each nurses' station, showing evacuation routes, smoke stop and fire doors, exit doors, and the location of fire extinguishers and fire alarm boxes;
- 3) procedures for evacuating helpless residents;
- 4) assignment of specific tasks and responsibilities to the personnel on each shift;
- 5) provision for at least annual training and instruction to keep employees informed of their duties; and
- 6) provisions for conducting simulated fire drills at least three times per year.

13.3 MASS CASUALTY PLAN. Each facility shall develop a written mass casualty plan for managing residents and treating casualties in an external or community disaster. The program shall be developed in cooperation with other health facilities in the area and with official and other community agencies.