

COLORADO

Part 15. OCCUPATIONAL, AND PHYSICAL AND SPEECH THERAPY

15.1 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY. The facility shall provide or make arrangements for referral to occupational therapy services for all residents whom a physician refers to such therapy. If the facility provides occupational therapy services directly, it shall comply with the following requirements:

15.1.1 The facility shall have written policies approved by the governing body identifying the organization, administration, performance standards, direction, and supervision of resident care.

15.1.2 Only a qualified occupational therapist, who is a graduate of an occupational therapy curriculum accredited jointly by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and the American Occupational Therapy Association or is eligible for certification by the AOTA, shall provide occupational therapy. All personnel assisting residents with occupational therapy shall be under supervision of a qualified occupational therapist.

15.1.3 Records of occupational therapy shall include the physician's referral for treatment, resident progress notes, and results of special tests and measurements.

15.1.4 The facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that therapist communicates to the facility the resident's condition and response to treatment within two weeks of initiation of treatment and every thirty days thereafter while treatment continues.

15.1.5 The facility shall provide space, appropriate equipment, and storage areas adequate for occupational therapy on all referred residents. Services shall be provided in an area readily accessible to residents. Equipment shall be properly maintained to ensure safety of residents and staff.

15.2 PHYSICAL THERAPY. The facility shall provide or make arrangements for referral to physical therapy services for all residents whom a physician refers to such therapy. If the facility provides physical therapy services directly or holds itself out through advertisement or door sign to provide such care, it shall comply with the following requirements:

15.2.1 The facility shall have written policies approved by the governing body identifying the organization, administration, performance standards, direction, and supervision of resident care.

15.2.2 Only a physical therapist who is registered by Physical Therapy Registration (Department of Regulatory Agencies) shall provide physical therapy. All personnel assisting residents with physical therapy shall be under supervision of a qualified physical therapist.

15.2.3 Records of physical therapy shall include the physician's order for treatment, resident progress notes, and results of special tests and measurements.

15.2.4 The facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that therapist communicates to the facility the resident's condition and response to treatment within two weeks of initiation of treatment and every thirty days thereafter while treatment continues.

15.2.5 The facility shall provide space, appropriate equipment, and storage areas adequate for physical therapy on all referred residents. Services shall be provided in an area readily accessible to residents. Equipment shall be properly maintained to ensure safety of residents and staff.

15.3 SPEECH THERAPY. The facility shall provide or make arrangements for referral to speech therapy services for all residents whom a physician refers to such therapy. If the facility provides speech therapy services directly or holds itself out through advertisement or door sign to provide such care, it shall comply with the following requirements:

15.3.1 The facility shall have written policies approved by the governing body identifying the organization, administration, performance standards, direction, and supervision of resident care.

15.3.2 Only a speech pathologist who is eligible for certification by the American Speech and Hearing Association or meets educational requirements thereof and is obtaining the supervised experience required for certification shall provide speech therapy. All personnel assisting residents with speech therapy shall be under supervision of a qualified speech pathologist.

15.3.3 Records of speech therapy shall include the physician's order for treatment, resident progress notes, and results of special tests and measurements.

15.3.4 The facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that the therapist communicates to the facility the resident's condition and response to treatment within two weeks of initiation of treatment and every thirty days thereafter while treatment continues.

15.3.5 The facility shall provide space, appropriate equipment, and storage areas adequate for speech therapy on all referred residents. Services shall be provided in an area readily accessible to residents. Equipment shall be properly maintained to ensure safety of residents and staff.