

290-5-8-.16 Recreation.

- (1) An individual shall be designated as being in charge of patient activities. This individual shall have experience and/or training in group activities, or shall have consultation made available from a qualified recreational therapist or group activity leader.
- (2) Provisions shall be made for suitable recreational and entertainment activities for patients according to their needs and interests. These activities are an important adjunct to daily living and are to encourage restoration to self-care and resumption of normal activities. Variety in planning shall include some outdoor activities in suitable weather.
- (3) Patients shall be encouraged but not forced to participate in patient activities.
- (4) The facility shall make available a variety of supplies and equipment adequate to satisfy the individual interests of residents. Examples are: books, magazines, daily newspapers, games, stationery, radio, television and the like.
- (5) An active patient activities program shall be carried out that will meet the needs of all patients.

Authority Ga. L. 1964, pp. 507, 612, as amended by Ga. L. 1969, p. 715 et seq; and Ga. L. 1972, p. 1015 et seq. **Administrative History.** Original Rule was filed on October 26, 1976; effective November 15, 1976.