

1. A patient's room within a facility for skilled nursing must be designed and equipped in a manner that allows adequate nursing care to be provided and provides comfort and privacy for the patient.

2. A facility for skilled nursing shall provide to each patient in the facility:

(a) A separate bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the patient;

(b) A clean, comfortable mattress;

(c) Bedding that is appropriate for the weather and climate;

(d) Clean linens for his bed and bath that are in good condition; and

(e) Furniture that is appropriate for the patient's needs.

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NURSING POOLS

General Provisions

NAC 449.747 Definitions. ([NRS 449.037](#)) As used in [NAC 449.747](#) to [449.7481](#), inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "License" means a document issued by the Health Division permitting the operation of a nursing pool.

2. "Licensee" means a person to whom a license has been issued.

3. "Nursing pool" has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 449.0153](#).

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Licensing

NAC 449.7471 License required. ([NRS 449.037](#)) No person, state or local government, or agency thereof, may establish, conduct or maintain in this State a nursing pool without first obtaining a license from the Health Division.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Health, 1-31-90, eff. 7-1-90)

NAC 449.7473 Location to which license applies; persons named in license; restrictions on use of license. ([NRS 449.037](#))

1. Each license is separate and distinct and is issued to a specific person to operate a nursing pool at a specific location. A nursing pool must be operated and conducted under the name and within the area of service designated on the license. The name of the person who is designated as responsible for its conduct must appear on the face of the license.

2. A separate license is required for each nursing pool owned and controlled by a central organization, corporate entity or home office, but operated and directed by governing and administrative bodies separate from the central organization or any other unit owned and controlled by the central organization.

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NAC 449.7474 Duties of licensee or applicant for license. ([NRS 449.037](#))

1. A licensee or applicant for a license shall:

(a) Designate a person who is responsible for the conduct of the nursing pool; and

(b) Disclose the ownership of the nursing pool to the Health Division.

2. A licensee or applicant for a license is responsible for:

(a) Compliance by the nursing pool with all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations and similar requirements.

(b) Periodic administrative and professional evaluations of the nursing pool. The licensee or applicant shall receive, review and take action on recommendations made by the evaluating groups and maintain a record of that action.

(c) The appointment of a qualified administrator and the delegation of his responsibility and authority. The licensee or applicant shall ensure that the administrator has sufficient freedom from his other responsibilities to permit his adequate attention to the overall direction and management of the nursing pool.

(d) The appointment of a director of professional services.

3. A licensee or applicant for a license shall adopt policies, including policies relating to the care of patients, and bylaws for the nursing pool. The bylaws must be written, revised as needed and made available to the Health Division. The bylaws must contain not less than the following:

(a) A description of the persons to whom responsibilities for the administration and supervision of the program and the evaluation of practices may be delegated, and the methods by which the licensee or applicant will hold those persons responsible.

(b) A provision requiring the establishment of personnel policies.

(c) A statement of the objectives of the nursing pool.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Health, eff. 1-31-90)

Administration and Personnel

NAC 449.7475 Administrator: Qualifications and duties. ([NRS 449.037](#))

1. The administrator of a nursing pool must be a physician or professional registered nurse, licensed to practice in this State, or a person having at least 1 year of supervisory or administrative experience in a field related to the provision of health care.

2. The administrator of a nursing pool shall represent the licensee in the daily operation of the nursing pool and appoint a person to exercise his authority in his absence. The administrator's responsibilities include:

(a) Keeping the licensee fully informed of the activities of the nursing pool through regularly written reports;

(b) Employing qualified personnel and arranging for their orientation and continuing education;

(c) Developing and implementing an accounting and reporting system that reflects the fiscal experience and current financial position of the nursing pool;

(d) Negotiating for services provided by contract in accordance with legal requirements and established policies of the nursing pool;

(e) Holding periodic meetings to maintain a liaison between the licensee and members of the staff of the nursing pool; and

(f) Performing such other duties as may be assigned.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Health, eff. 1-31-90)

NAC 449.7476 Director of professional services: Qualifications and duties. ([NRS 449.037](#))

1. The director of professional services must be a physician, or a professional registered nurse, who is licensed to practice in this State. The director must be readily available through the office of the nursing pool to advise members of the staff of the nursing pool.

2. The director of professional services shall:
- (a) Direct, supervise and coordinate the skilled nursing services provided by the nursing pool;
 - (b) Develop and revise written objectives, policies and procedural manuals for the care of patients;
 - (c) Assist in the development of descriptions of jobs;
 - (d) Assist in the recruitment and selection of personnel;
 - (e) Recommend to the administrator the number and levels of members of the nursing staff;
 - (f) Plan and conduct orientations and continuing education for members of the staff engaged in the care of patients;
 - (g) Evaluate the performance of the nursing staff; and
 - (h) Assist in planning and budgeting for the provision of services.
- (Added to NAC by Bd. of Health, eff. 1-31-90)

NAC 449.7477 Personnel policies: Maintenance and availability. ([NRS 449.037](#)) A nursing pool shall maintain written policies concerning the qualifications, responsibilities and conditions of employment for each category of personnel, including licensure when required by law. The written policies must be reviewed as needed, made available to the members of the staff of the nursing pool and provide for:

1. Wages and hours;
 2. Eligibility for vacations, sick leave and other benefits;
 3. Maintenance of a current record of the health of each member of the staff;
 4. Orientation of all health personnel to the policies and objectives of the nursing pool, training while on the job and continuing education;
 5. Periodic evaluations of the performance of members of the staff;
 6. Descriptions of jobs for each category of personnel which are specific and include the types of activities each category may perform; and
 7. Maintenance of current personnel records which confirm that the policies are followed.
- (Added to NAC by Bd. of Health, eff. 1-31-90)

NAC 449.7478 Requirements for contracts to provide nursing services. ([NRS 449.037](#)) If a nursing pool provides nursing services under a contract with another entity, other than a licensed medical facility, the services must be furnished in accordance with the terms of a written contract. The contract must:

1. Provide for retention by the nursing pool of responsibility for and control of the services.
2. Designate the services to be provided, including the setting and geographical area to be served. Services provided must be within the scope and limitations set forth in a physician's plan of treatment for his patient, and must not be altered with regard to type, amount, frequency or duration, unless the patient suffers an adverse reaction to that treatment.
3. Describe the means of supervision of the personnel performing the services.
4. Describe the method of coordinating the services with the nursing pool.
5. Specify the method of determining charges by and reimbursement of the nursing pool for specific services provided under the contract. Only the nursing pool may bill or collect for services rendered.
6. Specify the period the contract will be effective and the frequency with which the contract will be reviewed. The contract must be reviewed not less than annually.
7. Ensure that the personnel and services which are the subject of the contract meet the requirements of [NAC 449.747](#) to [449.7481](#), inclusive, including those requirements concerning

licensure, qualifications, medical examinations, functions, supervision, orientation and continuing education.

8. Provide that only the nursing pool may accept patients for nursing services.

9. Ensure that the personnel and services which are the subject of the contract will provide treatment to referred patients without regard to race, creed or national origin.

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NAC 449.7479 Referral of patients when services not available; provision of services; bonding of staff. ([NRS 449.037](#))

1. If services needed by a patient are not available from a nursing pool, it must assist in directing the patient to other resources in the community.

2. Services must be provided only by qualified personnel under the supervision of a physician who is licensed to practice in this State. Necessary qualifications include licensure, registration, certification or the equivalent, as required by state and federal law, for professional registered nurses, practical nurses and nursing assistants.

3. A nursing pool must secure an appropriate bond for each member of its staff who provides care directly to patients.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Health, eff. 1-31-90)

NAC 449.748 Duties of registered nurse; provision of nursing care by practical nurse or nursing assistant. ([NRS 449.037](#))

1. A registered nurse employed by a nursing pool shall:

(a) Provide nursing guidance and care to patients;

(b) If care is to be provided to a patient at his home, evaluate the home regarding its suitability for the provision of that care;

(c) Teach patients and those who provide them with care regarding the appropriate methods of providing that care;

(d) Supervise and evaluate the care given to patients on a continuing basis; and

(e) Provide any necessary professional nursing care.

2. A practical nurse or nursing assistant employed by a nursing pool may provide nursing care if he is authorized to practice in this State and supervised by a registered nurse.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Health, eff. 1-31-90)

NAC 449.7481 Annual evaluation of nursing pool by licensee. ([NRS 449.037](#))

1. A licensee shall perform an overall evaluation of the nursing pool annually. The purpose of the evaluation is to audit the financial condition of the nursing pool, to review its policies and procedures, to recommend additions or changes to those policies and procedures, and to ensure compliance with those policies and with applicable regulations.

2. A committee shall:

(a) Review the medical and personnel policies of the nursing pool to see that they are being fulfilled and that necessary additions or changes are effected; and

(b) Submit its report to the licensee, together with any recommendations for changes and any pertinent observations it deems necessary.

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