

SUBCHAPTER 37. MANDATORY REHABILITATION

8:39-37.1 Mandatory policies and procedures for rehabilitation

(a) Orders from physicians or from advanced practice nurses, to the extent allowable by applicable laws, for speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and audiology services shall include specific modalities and the frequency of treatment, and shall be entered into the resident's medical record.

(b) Orders from physicians or from advanced practice nurses, to the extent allowable by applicable laws, for medically appropriate speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy and audiology services shall be properly followed, and the results of these services shall be entered into the resident's medical record.

8:39-37.2 Mandatory rehabilitation staff qualifications

(a) Speech therapy and audiology services shall be provided by a speech-language pathologist who holds a current New Jersey license issued by the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee, Division of Consumer Affairs of the New Jersey State Department of Law and Public Safety.

(b) Physical therapy shall be provided by a physical therapist licensed by the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy, or by a licensed physical therapy assistant under the direction of a licensed physical therapist, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.1.

(c) Occupational therapy shall be provided by an occupational therapist who is licensed by the New Jersey Occupational Therapy Advisory Council, or by a licensed occupational therapy assistant under the direction of a licensed occupational therapist, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.51.

8:39-37.3 Mandatory rehabilitation staffing amounts and availability

Speech-language pathology evaluation, physical therapy evaluation, occupational therapy evaluation, and audiology evaluation shall take place within 72 hours of the original physician or advanced practice nurse order, excluding weekends.

8:39-37.4 Mandatory rehabilitation supplies and equipment

(a) Space for rehabilitation therapy shall be provided in the facility. If space is unavailable, arrangements shall be made for transportation or transfer of residents who require rehabilitation therapy services.

(b) Visual privacy and provisions for auditory privacy shall be provided for residents during evaluation and rehabilitation treatment, when clinically indicated.

(c) If the facility provides physical therapy on-site, physical therapy equipment available to the residents shall include at least parallel bars, stairs, mats, and padded tables.

SUBCHAPTER 38. ADVISORY REHABILITATION

8:39-38.1 Advisory rehabilitation staff qualifications

Speech therapy and audiology services are provided by individuals who hold a Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

8:39-38.2 Advisory rehabilitation space and environment

The facility has an examination and treatment room for rehabilitation therapy.

8:39-38.3 Advisory rehabilitation supplies and equipment

(a) In addition to parallel bars and stairs, physical therapy equipment available to residents includes a whirlpool for hydrotherapy and ultrasound.

(b) The occupational therapy program provides individually designed adaptive equipment as needed to enhance residents' independence.