

disabilities, maintenance and safety record keeping, training on hazardous driving conditions and a method for determining and documenting successful completion of the course. The course requirements above are examples and may be modified as needed.

(c) A valid New Mexico drivers license for the type of vehicle being operated consistent with State of New Mexico requirements.

(3) Each regulated facility and agency shall establish and enforce written polices (including training) and procedures for employees who provide assistance to clients with boarding or alighting from motor vehicles.

(4) Each regulated facility and agency shall establish and enforce written polices (including training) and procedures for employees who operate motor vehicles to transport clients.

[5-2-89; 7.9.2.58 NMAC – Rn & A, 7 NMAC 9.2.58, 8-31-00]

7.9.2.59 BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCTS: Any blood-handling and storage facilities shall be safe, adequate, and properly supervised. If the facility provides for maintaining and transferring blood and blood products, it shall meet the appropriate requirements for licensed hospitals. If the facility only provides transfusion services, it shall meet the requirements of applicable regulations.

[5-2-89; 7.9.2.59 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.59, 8-31-00]

7.9.2.60 DENTAL SERVICES:

A. ADVISORY DENTIST: The facility shall retain an advisory dentist to participate in the staff development program for nursing and other appropriate personnel to recommend oral hygiene policies and practices for the care of residents.

B. ATTENDING DENTISTS:

(1) Arrangements for dental care: The facility shall make arrangements for dental care for residents who do not have a private dentist.

(2) Transportation: The facility shall assist the resident, if necessary, in arranging for transportation to and from the dentist's office.

C. DENTAL EXAMINATION OF RESIDENTS: Dental health care shall be provided or arranged for the resident as needed.

D. EMERGENCY DENTAL CARE: The facility shall arrange for emergency dental care when a resident's attending dentist is unavailable.

[7-1-60, 5-2-89; 7.9.2.60 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.60, 8-31-00]

7.9.2.61 SOCIAL SERVICES:

A. PROVISION OF SERVICES: Each facility shall provide for social services in conformance with this section.

B. STAFF:

(1) Social worker: Each facility shall employ or retain a person full-time or part-time to coordinate the social services, to review the social needs of residents, and to make referrals.

(2) Qualifications: The person shall:

(a) Have a bachelor's degree in social work, sociology, or psychology; and have one year of social work experience in a health care setting; or

(b) Have a master's degree in social work from a graduate school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; or

(c) If the designated person is not a qualified social worker, the facility shall receive at least monthly consultation from a social worker who meets the required standards.

C. ADMISSION:

(1) Interviews: Before or at a time of admission, each resident and guardian, if any, and any other person designated by the resident or guardian, shall be interviewed by the social service designee to assist the patient in adjusting to the social and emotional aspects of illness, treatment, and stay in the facility.

- (2) Admission history: A social history of each resident shall be prepared.

D. CARE PLANNING:

(1) Within two (2) weeks after admission, an evaluation of social needs and potential for discharge shall be completed for each resident.

(2) A social component of the plan of care, including preparation for discharge, if appropriate, shall be developed and included in the plan of care; required by these regulations.

- (3) Social services care and plan shall be evaluated every ninety (90) days.

E. SERVICES: Social services staff shall provide the following:

(1) Referrals: If necessary, referrals for legal services, or to appropriate agencies in cases of legal, financial, psychiatric, rehabilitative or social problems which the facility cannot serve.

(2) Adjustment assistance: Assistance with adjustment to the facility, and continuing assistance to and communication with the resident, guardian, family, or other responsible persons.

(3) Discharge planning: Assistance to other facility staff and the resident in discharge planning at the time of admission and prior to removal under this chapter.

(4) Training: Participation in in-service training for direct care staff on the emotional and social problems and needs of the aged and ill and on methods for fulfilling these needs.

[5-2-89; 7.9.2.61 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.61, 8-31-00]

7.9.2.62 ACTIVITIES:

A. PROGRAM:

(1) Every facility shall provide an activities program which meets the requirements of this section. The program may consist of any combination of activities provided by the facility and those provided by other community resources.

(2) The activities program shall be planned for group and individual activities, and shall be designed to meet the needs and interests of each resident and to be consistent with each resident's plan of care.

B. STAFF:

(1) Definition: "Qualified activities coordinator" means, in a skilled nursing facility, a person who:

(a) Has a bachelor's degree in recreation therapy and is eligible for registration as a therapeutic recreation specialist with the National Therapeutic Recreation Society; or

(b) Is an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who meets the requirements for certification by the American Occupational Therapy Association; or

(c) Has two (2) years of experience in a social or recreational program within the last five years, one year of which was full-time in a patient activities program in a health care setting; or

(d) Has completed a state approved program.

(e) In an intermediate care facility, a staff member who is qualified by experience or training in directing group activity.

(2) Supervision: The activity program shall be supervised by:

(a) A qualified activities coordinator; or

(b) An employee who receives at least monthly consultation from a qualified activities coordinator.

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7.9.2.63 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES:

A. BEDS:

(1) Each resident shall be provided a bed which is at least thirty-six (36) inches wide, is equipped with a headboard of sturdy construction and is in good repair. Roll-away beds, day beds, cots, or double or folding beds shall not be used.

(2) Each bed shall be in good repair and provided with a clean, firm mattress of appropriate size for the bed.

(3) Side rails shall be installed for both sides of the bed when required by the resident's condition.

B. BEDDING: