

## **SECTION 900 - ADMISSION/RETENTION**

### **901. General**

A. Individuals seeking admission shall be identified as appropriate for the level of care, services, or assistance offered. The facility shall establish admission criteria that are consistently applied and comply with State, Federal, and local laws and regulations. (I)

B. The facility shall admit and retain only those individuals whose needs can be met by the accommodations and services for which the facility is licensed. (I)

C. Residents and/or outpatients shall be admitted to the facility only on physician orders and all care rendered under his or her direction. In the institutional nursing home setting, individuals living on that campus, but outside the nursing home may be admitted by the administrator, provided that the admission is authorized by physician order within two (2) business days of admission. (I)

D. A medical history and physical examination shall be completed in the manner prescribed in Section 1201. (II)

E. Respite care may be furnished provided there is compliance with this regulation. If the resident is regularly re-admitted in a respite status only, then a physical examination for admission is required only once every six (6) months. (I)

F. Individuals not eligible for admission or retention are:

1. Anyone who is destructive of property, self-destructive, suicidal, disturbing or abusive to other residents as determined by a physician or other legally authorized healthcare provider, unless the facility has and uses sufficient resources to appropriately manage and care for the person;

2. Anyone under eighteen (18) years of age, unless placed in a private room and written certification is obtained from the attending physician stating that proper care of the resident can be given;

3. Anyone who has need for medical care for acute illness or injury that is beyond the scope of the facility to provide, and where hospitalization is consistent with the individual's condition, prognosis, and choice; and

4. Anyone not meeting facility requirements for admission; the facility may determine who is eligible for admission and retention in its policies, provided compliance with State, Federal, and local laws and regulations is accomplished.