

## 11. PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The facility must employ on a full-time, part-time or consultant basis those professionals necessary to carry out the provisions of these rules.

### 11.1 Professional Qualifications

Professional staff must be licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with applicable laws.

### 11.2 Use of Outside Resources

(a) If the facility does not employ a qualified professional person to furnish a specific service to be provided by the facility, the facility must have that service furnished to residents by a person or agency outside the facility under an arrangement as described in 42 U.S.C. §1395x(w) or an agreement as described in subsection 11.2(b).

(b) Arrangements as described in 42 U.S.C. §1395x(w) or agreements pertaining to services furnished by outside resources must specify in writing that the facility assumes responsibility for:

(1) obtaining services that meet professional standards and principles that apply to professionals providing services in such a facility; and

(2) the timeliness of the services.

### 11.3 Medical Director

(a) The facility must designate a physician to serve as medical director.

(b) The medical director is responsible for:

(1) implementation of resident care policies; and

(2) the coordination of medical care in the facility.