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12VAC5-371-20. Responsibility of the department.

A. The Department of Health is charged with the responsibility for ensuring that licensed nursing facilities provide residents with at least a minimum level of care according to standards prescribed by the Board of Health and any additional requirements that may be specified by the Code of Virginia.

B. The Center for Quality Health Care Services and Consumer Protection (center) acts as agent for the Department of Health in administering the licensing program. In addition, the center also investigates complaints made by the public against nursing facilities.

C. Center licensing representatives are available to answer questions and provide technical assistance throughout the licensing and inspection process.

D. The Code of Virginia requires the Board of Health to adopt standards and regulations for the licensure of nursing facilities. The Department of Health is the authorized agent for the Board of Health.

E. In developing or revising standards for licensed nursing facilities, the department adheres to the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (§9-6.14:1 of the Code of Virginia) and the public participation process.

F. The department solicits input from licensees, associations of licensees, experts in related fields, advocacy organizations, consumers and the general public in the development or revision of licensing standards through informal and formal comment periods and public hearings.

Statutory Authority

§§[32.1-12](#) and [32.1-127](#) of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

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