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12VAC5-371-240. Physician services.

A. Each resident shall be under the care of a physician licensed by the Virginia Board of Medicine. Nurse practitioners and physician assistants licensed to practice in Virginia may provide care in accordance with their practice agreements.

B. Prior to, or at the time of admission, each resident, his designated representative, or the entity responsible for his care shall designate an attending physician.

C. A complete medical plan of care must be provided at the time of admission, or within 48 hours after admission. The plan shall include:

1. Primary diagnosis;
2. Identification of resident problems;
3. Medical history and physical exam;
4. Orders for medications;
5. Treatments;
6. Restorative services;
7. Activity levels;
8. Diet;
9. Special procedures recommended for health and safety of the resident; and
10. Advance directives, if known.

D. The admission medical plan of care shall be prescribed and signed by the attending physician. Subsequent medical plans of care for the same resident may be prescribed and signed by a nurse practitioner or physician assistant according to their practice agreements.

E. The physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant shall review the resident's medical plan of care at each visit and write a progress note.

F. Each resident shall be seen by his attending physician and the resident's total program of care shall be reviewed and appropriately revised as necessary.

G. All verbal orders shall be immediately recorded and signed by the individual receiving them, and shall be countersigned by the prescribing person.

Statutory Authority

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

Historical Notes

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