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12VAC5-371-280. Resident activities.

A. The nursing facility shall provide activities, on a regularly scheduled basis, specifically suited to the needs and interests of each resident based on the resident's comprehensive plan of care.

B. There shall be at least one staff member responsible for coordinating resident activities. The individual shall meet at least one of the following qualifications:

1. Be a qualified therapeutic recreation specialist or an activities professional;
2. Be eligible for certification as a therapeutic recreation specialist or activities professional by a recognized accrediting body;
3. Have one year full-time experience, within the last five years, in a patient activities program in a health care setting;
4. Be a qualified occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant; or
5. Have completed 40 hours training in group activities and recognizing and assessing the activity needs of residents.

C. The activities coordinator shall assess each resident and participate in the development and implementation of the comprehensive plan of care.

D. The activities program shall make the fullest possible use of community social and recreational opportunities, including the involvement of volunteers and community groups.

E. Documentation of activities shall be included in the resident's clinical record.

Statutory Authority

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

Historical Notes

Derived from Virginia Register Volume 13, Issue 25, eff. September 1, 1997.