

**WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AGING DIVISION**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION OF NURSING CARE FACILITIES**

CHAPTER 11

Section 1. Authority. These rules are promulgated by the Department of Health pursuant to the Health Facilities Act at W.S. §9-2-1204 et seq. and the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act at W.S. §16-3-101 et seq.

Section 2. Purpose. These rules have been adopted for the day-to-day operation of Nursing Care Facilities.

Section 3. Severability. If any portion of these rules is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall continue in effect.

Section 4. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of these rules. Where the context in which words are used in these rules indicates that such is the intent, words in the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa. Throughout these rules gender pronouns are used interchangeable. The drafters have attempted to utilize each gender pronoun in equal numbers, in random distribution. Words in each gender shall include individuals of the other gender.

For purpose of these rules, the following shall apply:

(a) “Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA)” means a person licensed in Wyoming to assist in the practice of occupational therapy, and who works under the supervision of a Registered Occupational Therapist.

(b) “Chief Administrative Officer” means the Director, Department of Health per W.S. §9-2-101(e), or the designated licensure representative.

(c) “CNA” means a person who is certified to practice as a Certified Nursing Assistant by the Wyoming Board of Nursing.

(d) “Complaint” means a formal allegation of injustice or perceived harm referred to an outside party or agency.

(e) “Complaint Investigations” means those investigations required to be performed by the Long Term Care Ombudsman as established in W.S. §9-2-1301 through 1309 or by the State Survey Agency as per the Agreement between the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the State of Wyoming dated June 18, 1985.

(f) “Consultant Dietitian” means a dietitian who provides dietary consultation on a frequent and regularly scheduled basis.