

(b) The rules and regulations shall provide for the licensing of home health agencies and annual license renewal, and shall establish standards that require as a minimum, that all home health agencies:

(1) Within 10 days of acceptance of a patient for skilled care, make and record all reasonable efforts to contact a physician to obtain the signed order required under [paragraph (2)] ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

(2) That accept patients for skilled care do so only on the signed order of a physician obtained within 28 days after acceptance;

(3) Adopt procedures for the administration of drugs and biologicals;

(4) Maintain clinical records on all patients accepted for skilled care;

(5) Establish patient care policies and personnel policies;

(6) Have services available at least 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, and available on an emergency basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;

(7) Make service available to an individual in need within 24 hours of a referral when stipulated by a physician's order;

(8) Have a designated supervisor of patient care who is a full-time employee of the agency and is available at all times during operating hours and additionally as needed; and

(9) Have as the administrator of the agency a person who has at least 1 year of supervisory experience in hospital management, home health management, or public health program management and who is:

(i) A licensed physician;

(ii) A registered nurse; or

(iii) A college graduate with a bachelor's degree in a health-related field.

(c) The rules and regulations may include provisions that:

(1) Deal with the establishment of home health agencies;

(2) Require each home health agency to have its policies established by a professional group that includes at least:

(i) 1 physician;

(ii) 1 registered nurse;

(iii) 1 representative of another offered service; and

(iv) 1 public member;

(3) Govern the services provided by the home health agencies;