

SHALL ESTABLISH STANDARDS THAT REQUIRE AS A MINIMUM, THAT ALL HOME HEALTH AGENCIES:

(1) ADMIT THAT ACCEPT PATIENTS FOR SKILLED CARE DO SO ONLY ON THE SIGNED ORDER OF A PHYSICIAN;

(2) PROVIDE SKILLED NURSING SERVICES, HOME HEALTH AID SERVICES, AND AT LEAST ONE OTHER DEFINED SERVICE;

(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 3-YEARS 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;