

The purpose of home health care is:

(1) To avoid institutionalization;

(2) To shorten hospital stays;

(3) To speed recovery; and

(4) To bridge the gap in community health services for patients who otherwise could not get adequate health care; AND

(5) TO PROVIDE LONG TERM REHABILITATION TO TRAUMA VICTIMS, EXCLUDING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE MENTALLY RETARDED OR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED.

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(a) The Department shall adopt rules and regulations that set standards for the care, treatment, health, safety, welfare, and comfort of patients of home health agencies:

(b) The rules and regulations shall provide for the licensing of home health agencies and annual license renewal:

(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;

(4) Require keeping clinical records of each patient, including the plan of treatment to be provided; and

(5) Govern supervision of the services, as appropriate, by:

(i) A physician;

(ii) A registered nurse; or