

(b) (1) The regulations shall set qualifications for medical directors of hospices. A medical director of a hospice care program need not be an employee or a contractee of a hospice care program.

(2) The regulations for a hospice facility shall require:

(i) The medical director to be a physician licensed to practice medicine in this State;

(ii) The dietary, nursing, pastoral care, pharmaceutical, and social worker services to be adequate; and

(iii) A physician other than an attending physician to be on call and available at all times.

(3) The regulations for a HOME-BASED ~~home-based~~ hospice care program shall require:

(i) The medical director to be a physician licensed to practice medicine in this State;

(ii) The provision of bereavement services;

(iii) The provision of services to meet the spiritual or social needs of dying individuals and their families;

(iv) The provision of palliative and supportive medical, nursing, and other health services:

1. Directly or by contract for a general licensee; or

2. By referral only for a limited licensee;

(v) Submission of an annual report which includes service utilization statistics in the format prescribed;

(vi) Written transfer agreements to provide acute inpatient care as needed; and

(vii) Minimum standards concerning the training and role of volunteers in a hospice care program.

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(a) The Secretary shall deny a license to any applicant or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee has been convicted of a felony that relates to Medicaid or to a nursing home.

(b) The Secretary may deny a license to an applicant or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee does not meet the requirements of this subtitle or any rule or regulation that the Secretary adopts under this subtitle.