

Department, or is under the care of a health care practitioner who is competent and capable of dealing with alcoholism and drug abuse;

(2) The nurse administrator, registered nurse, [or] licensed practical nurse, OR CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT is able to verify that the licensee OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER remains in the treatment program until discharge; and

(3) The action or condition of the licensee OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER has not caused injury to any person while the licensee is practicing registered nursing or licensed practical nursing OR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS WORKING AS A NURSING ASSISTANT.

(c) A person is not required under this section to make any report that would be in violation of any federal or State law, rule, or regulation concerning the confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records.

~~§ 507.~~

(a) (1) ~~In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

(2) ~~"Health care facility" means a hospital or related institution as defined in § 19-301 of the Health General Article.~~

(3) ~~"Initially providing or referring" means the first time a nursing staff agency provides or refers a particular licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, or [geriatric] CERTIFIED nursing assistant to a health care facility.~~

(4) ~~"Nursing personnel" means:~~

(i) ~~Any individual licensed by the State Board of Nursing as a:~~

- ~~1. Licensed practical nurse; or~~
- ~~2. Registered nurse; [or]~~

(ii) ~~[A geriatric nursing assistant] ANY PATIENT CARE PERSONNEL who complies with the provisions of § 19-308.1 of the Health General Article for patient care personnel; OR~~

~~(iii) ANY INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE PATIENT CARE UNDER SUBTITLE 6A OF THIS TITLE.~~

(5) (i) ~~"Nursing staff agency" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or other business entity engaged in the business of providing or referring nursing personnel to render temporary nursing services at a health care facility in the State.~~

(ii) ~~"Nursing staff agency" does not include:~~

~~1. Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or other business entity engaged solely in the business of providing or referring nursing personnel to render private duty nursing care at a health care facility;~~