

Sc. 242.403. STANDARDS FOR QUALITY OF LIFE AND QUALITY OF CARE. (a) The executive commissioner shall adopt standards to implement Sections 242.401 and 242.402. Those standards must, at a minimum, address:

- (1) admission of residents;
- (2) care of residents younger than 18 years of age;
- (3) an initial assessment and comprehensive plan of care for residents;
- (4) transfer or discharge of residents;
- (5) clinical records;
- (6) infection control at the institution;
- (7) rehabilitative services;
- (8) food services;
- (9) nutrition services provided by a director of food services who is licensed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation under Chapter 701, Occupations Code, or, if not so licensed, who is in scheduled consultation with a person who is so licensed as frequently and for such time as the executive commissioner shall determine necessary to assure each resident a diet that meets the daily nutritional and special dietary needs of each resident;
- (10) social services and activities;
- (11) prevention of pressure sores;
- (12) bladder and bowel retraining programs for residents;
- (13) prevention of complications from nasogastric or gastrostomy tube feedings;
- (14) relocation of residents within an institution;
- (15) postmortem procedures; and
- (16) appropriate use of chemical and physical restraints.

(b) The executive commissioner may require an institution to submit information to the department, including Minimum Data Set Resident Assessments, necessary to ensure the quality of care in institutions. Information submitted to the department that identifies a resident of an institution is confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

(c) The executive commissioner may adopt standards in addition to those required by Subsection (a) to implement Sections 242.401 and 242.402.

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Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1 (S.B. 219), Sec. 3.0653,

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Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 324 (S.B. [1488](#)), Sec. 9.002,
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