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Chapter 449@ Medical and Other Related Facilities

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1.

Each independent center for emergency medical care shall employ a chief nurse who is a registered nurse and is responsible for the supervision and evaluation of the nursing staff and its activities. The chief nurse shall: (a) Establish job descriptions for the nursing staff of the center; (b) Provide for the orientation and training of the nursing staff; (c) Evaluate the performance of the nursing staff; and (d) Assign nurses.

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A sufficient number of members of the nursing staff must be on duty at all times

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3.

A person who is not a registered nurse may be assigned to care for a patient to the extent consistent with his or her education, experience and authorized scope of practice.

4.

The governing body or, if there is no governing body, the medical director, shall ensure the adequacy of treatment, medications and care provided by the nursing staff.