

449.346 Rehabilitative services

1.

Rehabilitative services are those activities used in restoring, maintaining and improving the physical and mental well-being of a patient. A hospital shall provide rehabilitative services consistent with its overall role in the treatment of a patient by or under the supervision of persons professionally licensed in this State to render such services.

2.

If a hospital provides rehabilitative services, including, without limitation, physical therapy, occupational therapy, audiology or speech pathology, the services must be organized and staffed to ensure the health and safety of the patients. The organization of the services must be appropriate to the scope of the services offered.

3.

The director of the rehabilitative services must have the necessary knowledge, experience and capabilities to supervise and administer properly the services provided.

4.

Rehabilitative services provided by a hospital in accordance with this section must be provided by persons who meet the qualifications specified by the medical staff.

5.

Rehabilitative services must be furnished to each patient in accordance with his or her written plan of treatment. The services must be provided pursuant to the order of a practitioner who is authorized by the medical staff to order such services, and those orders must be incorporated into the record of the patient.