

61-17.600.603 Direct Care Staff (II)

A.

There shall be direct care staff adequate in number and skill in the facility at all times to provide nursing and related care and services to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial health and safety of each resident, as determined by resident assessments and ICPs. Direct care staff shall be assigned only duties for which they are trained.

B.

Licensed nurse staff members shall be currently and continuously licensed to practice nursing in South Carolina during the period they are staff members. Only individuals appropriately licensed may perform duties requiring a registered or licensed practical nurse. (I)

C.

Persons working in the facility as nurse aides shall be certified in South Carolina. As an exception, facility nonlicensed staff who are enrolled in a nurse aide training and competency evaluation program approved by the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services and who have been working in the facility four (4) months or less are exempt from Section 603.C. Licensed nurses or applicants for such licensure who have been granted a permit to practice nursing in accordance with rules adopted by the South Carolina Board of Nursing are exempt from Section 603.C. (I)