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Title 44@ Department of Health

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Article 44:73@ Nursing facilities

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Each resident may be admitted only on the order of a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. Prior to or upon admission of a resident, the attending physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner shall provide the staff of the facility with documented information regarding current medical findings and with written orders for the immediate care of the individual. This information shall include a medical evaluation, diagnosis, and rehabilitation potential. The information on the resident shall be based on a physical examination done within 48 hours after admission unless the examination was performed within the five days prior to admission. The resident's health care shall continue under the supervision of a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. If a resident transfers from one nursing facility to another while retaining the same physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, the requirement for the physical examination shall be waived; however, the schedule for physician, physician assistant, or nurse visits shall continue.

The resident shall be seen by the attending physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner at least once every 30 days for the first 90 days following admission. Subsequent to the 90th day following admission, the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner shall visit the resident whenever necessary; but the time between visits may not exceed 60 days.

The facility shall follow the physician visit requirements as outlined in the federal

regulations for nursing facilities. A physician may not delegate a task when the regulations specify the physician shall perform it personally, or when the delegation is prohibited under State law or by the facility's own policies.

The resident's total care program including medications and treatments shall be reviewed during the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner visit.