

## **DHS 132.62 Nursing services**

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DEFINITIONS. "Nursing personnel" means nurses, nurse aides, nursing assistants, and orderlies.

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NURSING ADMINISTRATION. (a) Director of nursing services in skilled care and intermediate care facilities. 1. `Staffing requirement.' Every skilled care facility and every intermediate care facility shall employ a full-time director of nursing services who may also serve as a charge nurse in accordance with par. (b). 2. `Qualifications.' The director of nursing services shall be a registered nurse. 3. `Duties.' The director of nursing services shall be responsible for: a. Supervising the functions, activities and training of the nursing personnel; b. Developing and maintaining standard nursing practice, nursing policy and procedure manuals, and written job descriptions for each level of nursing personnel; c. Coordinating nursing services with other resident services; d. Designating the charge nurses provided for by this section; e. Being on call at all times, or designating another registered nurse to be on call, when no registered nurse is on duty in the facility; and f. Ensuring that the duties of nursing personnel shall be clearly defined and assigned to staff members consistent with the level of education, preparation, experience, and licensing of each. (b) Charge nurses in skilled care facilities and intermediate care facilities. 1. `Staffing requirement.' A skilled nursing facility

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- d. A facility with 100 or more residents in need of skilled nursing care shall have, in addition to the director of nursing services, at least one registered nurse on duty as charge nurse at all times.
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NURSE STAFFING. In addition to the requirements of sub. (2), there shall be adequate nursing service personnel assigned to care for the specific needs of each resident on each tour of duty. Those personnel shall be briefed on the condition and appropriate care of each resident.