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§418.110(b)(2) - If at least one patient in the hospice facility is receiving general inpatient care, then each shift must include a registered nurse who provides direct patient care.

Interpretive Guidelines §418.110(b)(2)

The general inpatient care provided in a facility for pain control or acute or chronic symptom management, which cannot be managed in other settings, is a different level of care than respite care. It is not automatically necessary to have an RN assigned to every shift to provide direct patient care if the only hospice patients in a facility are receiving the respite or routine levels of care. Staffing for a facility solely providing the respite or

routine home care levels of care to hospice patients should be based on each patient's care needs. The requirements for nursing services for respite care are located at §418.108(b)(2).