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§483.430(c)(2) There must be responsible direct care staff on duty and awake on a 24-hour basis, when clients are present, to take prompt, appropriate action in case of injury, illness, fire or other emergency, in each defined residential living unit housing- -

(i) Clients for whom a physician has ordered a medical care plan;

(ii) Clients who are aggressive, assaultive or security risks;

(iii) More than 16 clients; or

(iv) Fewer than 16 clients within a multi-unit building.

Guidance §483.430(c)(2)

Indicators of staff not being awake in relation to the occurrence of incidents, accidents, and injuries may include, but are not limited to:

- incidents of unplanned client absences;
- untimely reaction to a medical emergency;
- injuries from client to client aggression; or
- a pattern of injuries of unknown origin.

If even one client meets 483.430(c)(2)(i-ii) then staff must be awake on a 24-hour basis.

A client has a medical care plan when an acute or chronic occurrence requires clinical assessment and monitoring on a scheduled basis.