

70211 Nursing Service General Requirements

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The nursing service shall be organized, staffed, equipped, and supplied, including furnishings and resource materials, to meet the needs of patients and the service.

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The nursing service shall be under the direction of an administrator of nursing services who shall be a registered nurse with the following qualifications: (1)

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It shall be designated in writing by the hospital administrator that the administrator of nursing services has authority, responsibility and accountability for the nursing service within the facility. (1) The internal structure and accountability of the nursing service, including identification of nursing service units and committees, shall be defined in writing. (2) The relationship between the nursing service and administration, organized medical staff and other departments shall be defined in writing. Such definition of relationship shall be developed in cooperation with respective departments. Administrative, medical staff, and other hospital committees that address issues affecting nursing care shall include registered nurses, including those who provide direct patient care. Licensed vocational nurses may serve on those committees.

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