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Chapter 3@ Skilled Nursing Facilities

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Article 3@ Required Services

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Section 72303@ Physician Services-General Requirements

## **72303 Physician Services-General Requirements**

### **(a)**

All persons admitted or accepted for care by the skilled nursing facility shall be under the care of a physician selected by the patient or patient's authorized representative.

### **(b)**

Physician services shall mean those services provided by physicians responsible for the care of individual patients in the facility. Physician services shall include but are not limited to: (1) Patient evaluation including a written report of a physical examination within 5 days prior to admission or within 72 hours following admission. (2) An evaluation of the patient and review of orders for care and treatment on change of attending physicians. (3) Patient diagnoses. (4) Advice, treatment and determination of appropriate level of care needed for each patient. (5) Written and signed orders for diet, care, diagnostic tests and treatment of patients by others. Orders for restraints shall meet the requirements of Section 72319(b). (6) Health record progress notes and other appropriate entries in the patient's health records. (7) Provision for alternate physician coverage in the event the attending physician is not available.

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Provision for alternate physician coverage in the event the attending physician is not available.

**(c)**

Subsection (b) shall not prevent or limit other licensed healthcare practitioners acting within the scope of their professional licensure from providing services to and being responsible for the care of individual patients in the facility, including providing those services listed in subsection (b) above that are within the scope of their licensure.