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Title 22@ Social Security

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Division 5@ Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Clinics, and Referral Agencies

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Chapter 3@ Skilled Nursing Facilities

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Article 3@ Required Services

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Section 72311@ Nursing Service-General

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different stipulation has been stated in writing by the patient's licensed healthcare practitioner acting within the scope of his or her professional licensure. (E) Any untoward response or reaction by a patient to a medication or treatment. (F) Any error in the administration of a medication or treatment to a patient which is life threatening and presents a risk to the patient. (G) The facility's inability to obtain or administer, on a prompt and timely basis, drugs, equipment, supplies or services as prescribed under conditions which present a risk to the health, safety or security of the patient.

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(b)

All attempts to notify licensed healthcare practitioners acting within the scope of his or her professional licensure shall be noted in the patient's health record including the time and method of communication and the name of the person acknowledging contact, if any. If the attending licensed healthcare practitioner acting within the scope of his or her professional licensure or his or her designee is not readily available, emergency medical care shall be provided as outlined in Section 72301(g).

(c)

Licensed nursing personnel shall ensure that patients are served the diets as ordered by the attending licensed healthcare practitioner acting within the scope of his or her professional licensure.