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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 72355@ Pharmaceutical Service-Requirements

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Pharmaceutical service shall include, but is not limited to, the following: (1)

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