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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 4@ Optional Services

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Section 72401@ Optional Service Units-General

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### **(a)**

"Optional service unit" means a functional unit of a skilled nursing facility which is organized, staffed and equipped to provide a specific type or types of patient care. A facility is not required to operate an optional service unit.

### **(b)**

The following types of optional service units may be operated in a skilled nursing facility: physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, speech pathology, audiology, social work services, and special treatment program services.

### **(c)**

If outpatient services are to be provided for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, and/or audiology services, the following conditions shall be met: (1) Outpatient service units shall be located or constructed in a manner that will minimize noise, odors, hazards and unsightliness to the facility's inpatients. (2) Outpatient access to optional service units shall not traverse a nursing unit. (3) Separate toilets for men and women outpatients shall be provided. (4) Drinking water facilities of a type approved by the Department shall be available for outpatients and personnel. (5) Handwashing facilities with hot and cold water supply shall be provided in the optional service units. (6) Waiting areas shall be provided with sufficient floor space to seat the maximum number of

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**(d)**

Each optional service unit within the facility shall be approved by the Department. Any facility desiring approval for an optional service unit shall file an application on forms furnished by the Department.

**(e)**

The Department shall list on the facility license each optional service for which approval is granted.