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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 72465@ Special Treatment Program Service Unit - Staff

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(a)

A registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse or psychiatric technician shall be employed at least 40 hours a week on the day shift and be responsible for nursing supervision of the distinct part. If the facility has a total licensed capacity of 59 beds or less the director of nursing services may also be the charge nurse for the distinct part.

(b)

Nursing service charge personnel on all shifts shall have at least one year of experience or training related to the special treatment program services, or shall participate in in-service provided by the facility.

(c)

If the facility is devoted entirely to the care of the mentally disordered, there shall be at least one registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse on duty on all three shifts seven days per week.

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A psychiatric technician may:(1) Serve as a charge nurse. (2) Administer medications only in a special treatment program.

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The Department may require the licensee to provide additional professional, administrative or supportive personnel whenever the Department determines through a written evaluation that additional personnel is needed to provide for the health and safety of patients. Nursing service personnel shall be on duty in the number and with the qualifications, training, and supervision necessary to meet the individual care needs of patients admitted for care.

(f)

Interdisciplinary Professional Staff: The facility shall provide either through direct employment or by contractual arrangement, an interdisciplinary professional staff to develop and implement special rehabilitation programs and to provide specific expertise to the program staff, and/or provide direct patient services. (1) The interdisciplinary professional staff shall be composed of at least two of the following disciplines: (A) Psychologist (B) Social Worker (C) Occupational therapist (D) Recreation therapist (E) Art therapist (F) Dance therapist (G) Music therapist (H) Any other related discipline approved by the Department (2) Each member of the interdisciplinary professional staff shall have a minimum of one year of experience or training in a mental health setting. (3) In addition to general staffing requirements in Section 72329(f) a facility which provides a special treatment program shall provide interdisciplinary staff as required in Section 72329(f) in accordance with the following schedule: (A) For facilities having an average of 49 or fewer certified patients per week, 24 hours per week of professional staff time. (B) For facilities having an average between 50-69 certified patients per week, 32 hours per week of professional staff time. (C) For facilities having an average between 70-99 certified patients per week, 48 hours per week of professional staff

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