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Title 22@ Social Security

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Division 6@ Licensing of Community Care Facilities

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Chapter 7.3@ Crisis Nurseries

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Article 6@ Continuing Requirements

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Section 86565.5@ Staff to Child Ratios

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(a)

There shall be at least one fully qualified and employed lead caregiver present at the crisis nursery at all times when children are present.

(b)

A crisis nursery shall allow the use of fully trained and qualified volunteers to be counted toward the staff-to-child ratios in Section 86565.5(d) through (f), provided at least one fully qualified and employed staff person is on site at all times that volunteers are used to meet minimum caregiver staffing requirements as specified in Section 86565.5(c) through (f), and each volunteer has satisfied the following conditions: (1) Fingerprinting for the purpose of conducting a criminal record review as specified in Section 86519(a)(1). (2) A child abuse central index check as specified in Section 86519.2. (3) He or she is in good physical health, and has been tested for tuberculosis not more than one year prior to, or seven days after, his or her initial presence in the facility, as required in Section 86565(h)(2). (4) Completed the training requirements and certification in pediatric first aid and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation requirements as specified in Section 86565(w).

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Completed the training requirements and certification in pediatric first aid and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation requirements as specified in Section 86565(w).

(c)

There shall be at least one employed staff person present for every volunteer caregiver used by the crisis nursery for the purpose of meeting the minimum caregiver staffing requirements.

(d)

There shall be at least one employed staff person or volunteer caregiver for each group of six children, or fraction thereof, who are 18 months of age or older, and one employed staff person or volunteer caregiver for each group of three children, or fraction thereof, who are under 18 months of age from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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There shall be at least one employed staff person or volunteer caregiver for each group of six children, or fraction thereof, who are 18 months of age or older, and one employed staff person or volunteer caregiver for each group of four children, or fraction thereof, who are under 18 months of age from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

(f)

There shall be at least one staff person or volunteer caregiver awake at all times from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

(g)

The crisis nursery's plan of operation shall address how it will deal with unexpected circumstances related to staffing and ensure that additional caregivers are available when needed as specified in Section 86522(b)(7)(C).