

97510.9 Nursing Staff Levels

(a)

Each facility shall develop and adopt a method for determining nursing staff requirements. The method shall be approved by the Office prior to use and shall be maintained as part of the records of the nursing service.

(b)

The method for determining nursing staff requirements shall be based on an assessment of patient needs. This assessment shall take into consideration at least the following: (1) The ability of the patient to care for him or herself. (2) The surgical procedures performed on the patient. (3) The level of skill required in patient care.

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(2)

The surgical procedures performed on the patient.

(3)

The level of skill required in patient care.

(c)

There shall be daily documentation of nursing staff which shall include: (1) Total numbers of staff, including full-time and full-time equivalents. (2) The available nursing care hours for each patient. (3) The categories of staff for patient care.

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(2)

The available nursing care hours for each patient.

(3)

The categories of staff for patient care.

(d)

The documentation shall be retained at the facility and be available for review by the Office at any time.