

**4658.0510 NURSING PERSONNEL.**

Subpart 1. **Staffing requirements.** A nursing home must have on duty at all times a sufficient number of qualified nursing personnel, including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and nursing assistants to meet the needs of the residents at all nurses' stations, on all floors, and in all buildings if more than one building is involved. This includes relief duty, weekends, and vacation replacements.

Subp. 2. **Minimum hour requirements.** The minimum number of hours of nursing personnel to be provided is:

A. For nursing homes not certified to participate in the medical assistance program, a minimum of two hours of nursing personnel per resident per 24 hours.

B. For nursing homes certified to participate in the medical assistance program, the nursing home is required to comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.04, subdivision 7.

Subp. 3. **On-site coverage.** A nurse must be employed so that on-site nursing coverage is provided eight hours per day, seven days per week.

Subp. 4. **On call coverage.** A registered nurse must be on call during all hours when a registered nurse is not on duty.

Subp. 5. **Assignment of duties.** Nursing personnel must not perform duties for which they have not had proper and sufficient training. Duties assigned to nursing personnel must be consistent with their training, experience, competence, and credentialing.

Subp. 6. **Duties.** Nursing personnel must be employed and used for nursing duties only. A nursing home must provide sufficient additional staff for housekeeping, dietary, laundry, and maintenance duties and those persons must not provide nursing care.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 144A.04; 144A.08; 256B.431*

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