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| PHYSICIAN SERVICES | | | | NO. 212 | |
| 1. Patients are admitted to the facility upon the recommendation of, and remain under the care of, a licensed physician. Patients or responsible party has freedom of choice of physicians.  2. If the resident or family decides to change physicians, a written order must be received from the attending physician releasing the care of the patient. New orders and a new History & Physical must be obtained from the new physician.  3. The facility physician will not see patients who have private physicians, except in emergency situations. The following people will be contacted prior to the facility physician seeing the patient:  a. Private physician  b. Responsible relative  c. If unable to reach the physician, then call the relatives. In the event neither are reached, notify the Director of Nurses or Charge Nurse before taking final action.  4. The attending physician or their designated alternative may attend to medical needs of the resident. The attending physician must give orders for the consultant physician or clinic visit.  5. Emergency Medical policy:  When it becomes apparent that a resident’s condition requires emergency care the physician is notified. The nursing office is notified and if the doctor determines that an ER visit and possible hospitalization is necessary, then the family is notified and arrangements are made with the family's approval.  Emergency oxygen is available--oral suction machines are available if needed.  6. The licensure requirements of the facility state that residents must be seen according to their level of care classification; new admissions every 30 days for the first 90 days and then every 60 days for intermediate care and every 30 days for skilled care. Private and Medicaid Recipients must have yearly history and physical examinations.    7. The physician must recertify the need for continued health care services on residents monthly.  Failure to comply with these policies will require notification of the physician and the resident and/or family. Continued lack of cooperation will result in requesting that the family obtain another physician or remove the resident from the facility.  8. Attending physicians must:  a. Give telephone orders to licensed nurses, and/or other physicians  b. Make arrangements for the patient's care in his absence.  9. Monitoring and notification of physician's visits to the patients is the responsibility of the Nursing Director or their designated person. | | | | | |
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