

481—51.9 (135B) Nursing services.

51.9(1) The hospital shall have an organized nursing service which shall provide complete and efficient nursing care to each patient. The authority, responsibility and function of each nurse shall be clearly defined.

51.9(2) Registered nurse(s) shall utilize the nursing process in the provision of nursing care to each patient. The nursing process includes:

- a.* Nursing assessment about the health status of the patient, analysis of the data, and formation of a nursing diagnosis;
- b.* Planning of nursing care which includes determining goals and priorities for actions which are based on the nursing diagnosis;
- c.* Nursing interventions implementing the plan of care;
- d.* Evaluation of patient status in relation to established goals and the plan of care.

51.9(3) Licensed practical nurse(s) shall participate in the nursing process as described in subrule 51.9(2) consistent with accepted practice by assisting the registered nurse or physician.

51.9(4) All nurses employed in a hospital who practice nursing as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse shall be licensed in Iowa.

51.9(5) There shall be a director of nursing service with administrative and executive competency who shall be a registered nurse licensed in the state of Iowa.

51.9(6) Supervisors and head nurses shall have had preparation courses and experience in accordance with hospital policy commensurate with the responsibility of the specific assignment.

51.9(7) All nonprofessional workers performing patient-care service shall be under the supervision of a registered nurse. Their duties shall be defined in writing by the hospital and they shall be instructed in all duties assigned to them.

51.9(8) The nursing service shall have adequate numbers of licensed registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and other personnel to provide nursing care essential for the proper treatment, well-being, and recovery of the patient.

51.9(9) Written policies and procedures shall be established for the administrative and technical guidance of the personnel in the hospital. Each employee shall be familiar with these policies and procedures.

51.9(10) Each hospital shall have a minimum of one registered nurse on duty at all times.