

CHAPTER 43D

**STANDARDS FOR LICENSURE OF PEDIATRIC
COMMUNITY TRANSITIONAL HOMES**

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SUBCHAPTER 1. DEFINITIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

8:43D-1.1 Scope

The rules in this chapter pertain to all facilities which provide pediatric community transitional home services. These rules constitute the basis for the licensure of pediatric community transitional homes by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

8:43D-1.2 Purpose

The purpose of these rules is to establish minimum licensure standards applicable to pediatric community transitional homes to promote a coordinated array of supportive personal and health care services, available 24 hours per day, to medically fragile children in a community living environment.

8:43D-1.3 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Activities of daily living (ADL)” means the functions or tasks that are performed by the staff of the pediatric community transitional home, or by the resident either with or without supervision or assistance by staff. Activities of daily

living include at least: mobility, transferring, walking, grooming, bathing, dressing and undressing, eating, and toileting.

“Administrator” means the person who is responsible for operating the facility on a day to day basis.

“Admission agreement” means a document developed by the facility and signed by both a facility representative and the resident or the resident’s responsible party prior to admission to the facility. This agreement clearly and in plain English describes all services to be provided to the resident, the cost of the services, additional services available and the cost of these, specification of the time interval in which charges will not be increased, admission and discharge criteria and discharge appeal mechanisms.

“Advanced practice nurse” means a person who holds a certification in accordance with section 8 or 9 of P.L. 1991, c.377 (N.J.S.A. 45:11-47 or 45:11-47).

“Available” means, pertaining to equipment, present and ready for immediate use; pertaining to personnel, “available” means capable of being reached by telephone 24 hours per day.

“Bedridden” means physically unable to leave bed, even with assistance.

“Cleaning” means the removal, by scrubbing and washing, with hot water, soap or detergent and/or vacuuming where appropriate, of infectious agents and/or organic matter from surfaces on which and in which infectious agents may survive or multiply.

“Commissioner” means the New Jersey State Commissioner of Health and Senior Services.

“Communicable disease” means an illness, due to a specific infectious agent or its toxic products, which occurs through transmission of that agent or its products from a reservoir to a susceptible host.

“Conspicuously posted” means placed at a location within the facility accessible to and in plain view to patients and the public.

“Contamination” means the presence of an infectious or toxic agent in the air, on a body surface, or on or in clothes, bedding, instruments, dressings, or other inanimate articles or substances, including water, milk, and food.

“Current” means up-to-date reflecting the present calendar day, month and year.

“Department” means the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.