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REGULATION FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSE COVERAGE IN SELF-CARE UNITS

On January 9, 1964 the Hospital Licensing Board recommended adoption of a policy outlining requirements for nurse coverage in self-care units of various sizes. This policy was confirmed by the State Board of Control.

Following are the minimum requirements for self-care units:

Requirements for nurse coverage in self-care units will depend on the services required on the patient census. As minimum requirements, where the average number of patients is 20 or above, the following pattern is considered adequate:

1. Day Shift - 1 Professional Nurse plus
1 licensed practical nurse
or nurse's aide.
2. Evening Shift - 1 Professional Nurse plus 1
part-time practical nurse or
nurse's aide.
3. Night Shift - Professional Nurse or 1 licensed
practical nurse.

For smaller units, professional nursing supervision can be combined with an adjacent unit to the extent that nursing services are provided on a basis equivalent to that afforded in the above larger units.
