333.21413 Duties of owner, operator, and governing body of hospice or hospice residence.

Sec. 21413. (1) The owner, operator, and governing body of a hospice or hospice residence licensed under this article:

(a) Are responsible for all phases of the operation of the hospice or hospice residence and for the quality of care and services rendered by the hospice or hospice residence.

(b) Shall cooperate with the department in the enforcement of this part, and require that the physicians and other personnel working in the hospice or hospice residence and for whom a license or registration is required be currently licensed or registered.

(c) Shall not discriminate because of race, religion, color, national origin, or sex, in the operation of the hospice or hospice residence including employment, patient admission and care, and room assignment.

(2) As a condition of licensure as a hospice residence, an applicant shall have been licensed under this article as a hospice and in compliance with the standards set forth in 42 C.F.R. part 418 for not less than the 2 years immediately preceding the date of application for licensure. A hospice residence licensed under this article may provide both home care and inpatient care at the same location. A hospice residence providing inpatient care shall comply with the standards in 42 C.F.R. 418.100.

(3) In addition to the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) and section 21415, the owner, operator, and governing body of a hospice residence that is licensed under this article and that provides care only at the home care level shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide 24-hour nursing services for each patient in accordance with the patient's hospice care plan as required under 42 C.F.R. part 418.

(b) Have an approved plan for infection control that includes making provisions for isolating each patient with an infectious disease.

(c) Obtain fire safety approval pursuant to section 20156.

(d) Equip each patient room with a device approved by the department for calling the staff member on duty.

(e) Design and equip areas within the hospice residence for the comfort and privacy of each patient and his or her family members.

(f) Permit patients to receive visitors at any hour, including young children.

(g) Provide individualized meal service plans in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 418.100(j).

(h) Provide appropriate methods and procedures for the storage, dispensing, and administering of drugs and biologicals pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 418.100(k).


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