

4664.0080 MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Subpart 1. **Medical director.** A licensee must have a medical director, who may be an employee or contractor or may serve as a volunteer.

Subp. 2. **Role of medical director.** A licensee must establish in writing the medical director's responsibilities and the procedures necessary to implement the licensee's policies and this chapter concerning medical care. The licensee must provide the policies and procedures to the medical director if the medical director is an employee or contractor of the licensee or a volunteer. If the medical director is a contractor, the policies and procedures must be incorporated into a written contract.

Subp. 3. **Responsibilities.**

A. The responsibilities of a medical director include, but are not limited to:

(1) assuming overall responsibility for the medical component of the hospice patient's care program;

(2) implementing the policies and procedures described in subpart 2;

(3) documenting with the attending physician, if chosen, that a hospice patient is terminally ill and the probable life expectancy is under one year. The medical director may also delegate this responsibility to a physician member of the interdisciplinary team; and

(4) providing consultation to the interdisciplinary team, hospice management, staff, and other community health providers.

B. A medical director may:

(1) with the hospice patient's consent, provide medical services to the patient; and

(2) be the physician member of the interdisciplinary team, according to the hospice provider's policy and practice.

Subp. 4. **Fines.** For each violation of the following subparts, the stated fine shall be assessed:

A. subpart 1, \$300;

B. subpart 2, \$100; and

C. subpart 3, \$100.

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