

# *The Special-Care Homes Regulations, 2024*

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[Chapter P-30.3 Reg 4](#) (effective August 29, 2024).

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## CHAPTER P-30.3 REG 4

### *The Provincial Health Authority Act*

#### Title

- 1 These regulations may be cited as *The Special-care Homes Regulations, 2024*.

#### Definitions

- 2 In these regulations:

“**home**” means a facility designated as a special-care home pursuant to *The Facility Designation Regulations*;

“**nurse practitioner**” means a registered nurse who is entitled pursuant to *The Registered Nurses Act, 1988* to practise in the nurse practitioner category;

“**operator**” means:

- (a) the provincial health authority; or
- (b) a designated health care organization as defined in section 4-10 of *The Provincial Health Authority Act*;

“**pharmacist**” means a licensed pharmacist as defined in *The Pharmacy and Pharmacy Disciplines Act*;

“**physician**” means a duly qualified medical practitioner;

“**physician assistant**” means a physician assistant as defined in *The Medical Profession Act, 1981* who is practising under the supervision of a physician as approved by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan;

“**registered nurse**” means a person who is currently registered with the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan;

“**registered psychiatric nurse**” means a person who is currently registered with the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan;

“**resident**” means a person who lives in a home for the purpose of receiving care.

6 Sep 2024 cP-30.3 Reg 4 s2.

#### Safekeeping of resident’s valuables

- 3(1) If a resident turns cash over to the operator of a home for safekeeping, the operator shall:

- (a) deposit the cash at a bank or credit union in a trust account for the resident;
- (b) give a receipt to the resident or the resident’s representative respecting the deposit of the cash in the trust account; and
- (c) maintain proper records of the trust account.

- (2) If a resident turns bonds, documents and other valuables over to the operator of a home for safekeeping, the operator shall maintain a clear and accurate record of those items.

6 Sep 2024 cP-30.3 Reg 4 s3.

**Nursing care**

- 4(1) The care of every resident is to be carried out by or under the direction of a registered nurse or registered psychiatric nurse and under the supervision of the resident's personal physician, a physician assistant or a nurse practitioner.
- (2) Every home shall employ at least one full-time registered nurse or registered psychiatric nurse.
- (3) Nursing care by a registered nurse or a registered psychiatric nurse shall be provided on a 24-hour basis.

6 Sep 2024 cP-30.3 Reg 4 s4.

**Medical care**

- 5(1) Every resident or the resident's guardian, or failing this, the agency responsible for the resident's care, shall designate a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner for the provision of medical care and treatment of the resident during the resident's stay in a home.
- (2) Every resident shall be examined by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner on admission to the home.
- (3) After admission to the home, the resident shall receive medical attention as often as the resident's condition requires, but in any event at least once every year.
- (4) The results of all examinations shall be recorded on the medical record of the resident.
- (5) A physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner shall at all times be on call for emergency care in the home.
- (6) In case of serious illness or accident in the home:
  - (a) the nurse in charge at the time that an emergency arises shall be responsible for securing immediate medical care by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner for residents in the home; and
  - (b) arrangement for prompt transfer to a hospital shall be made as recommended by the attending physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.
- (7) In case of serious illness or accident in the home, the next of kin shall be notified immediately.
- (8) A resident having or suspected of having a communicable disease, either at the time of admission or after admission, may:
  - (a) be isolated on the recommendation of a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner; and
  - (b) be transferred to an appropriate facility on the recommendation of a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

6 Sep 2024 cP-30.3 Reg 4 s5.

**Medications**

- 6(1) Subject to subsection (2), all medications and treatments for residents shall be given only on the written order of a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or pharmacist.

- (2) If it is necessary to take the order of a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or pharmacist by telephone:
  - (a) the person who takes the order shall:
    - (i) on the form provided, write the order, the name of the physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or pharmacist who gave the order, and the date and time of the order; and
    - (ii) sign the form; and
  - (b) the physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or pharmacist who gave the order shall verify the order by signing the form on the next visit to the home.
- (3) All medications in the home shall be kept in locked cabinets.
- (4) Medications requiring refrigeration shall:
  - (a) be kept in a refrigeration unit; and
  - (b) be kept in a special locked tray or container that is clearly marked, if the refrigeration unit is also used for storing food.
- (5) All medications shall be retained in their original container.
- (6) The medication container of every resident shall have a clear and adequate label of the issuing pharmacy that includes the following information:
  - (a) the prescription number;
  - (b) the name of resident;
  - (c) the name of physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or pharmacist;
  - (d) the directions for administration of the drug;
  - (e) the date of issue;
  - (f) the name of the pharmacy.
- (7) Any medication container having a soiled or damaged label shall be returned to the issuing pharmacy for re-labelling.
- (8) If the attending physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner so authorizes in writing, pharmaceuticals belonging to a resident shall be given to the resident when discharged or transferred.
- (9) Unused quantities of prescription drugs that are not given to a discharged resident or that remain in the home after a resident has died shall be destroyed or otherwise disposed of in accordance with pharmaceutical regulations.
- (10) Narcotics or controlled drugs left by a discharged or deceased resident shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable laws.
- (11) A home may stock, or have on hand, only those medications that are regularly available without prescription at a commercial pharmacy.

**Sask Reg 34/66 repealed**

**7** The Housing and Special-care Homes Regulations, being Saskatchewan Regulations 34/66, are repealed.

6 Sep 2024 cP-30.3 Reg 4 s7.

**Coming into force**

**8** These regulations come into force on the day on which they are filed with the Registrar of Regulations.

6 Sep 2024 cP-30.3 Reg 4 s8.