

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 519

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to nursing facilities; amending 63  
8 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1925, which relates to minimum  
9 standards for facilities; requiring regulation of  
10 off-unit visitation facilities; and providing an  
11 effective date.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1925, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1-1925. The State Department of Health shall prescribe  
16 minimum standards for facilities. These standards shall regulate:

17 1. Location and construction of the facility, including  
18 plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilation, off-unit visitation  
19 facilities such as an outdoor service area or visitation hall where  
20 available, and other physical conditions which shall ensure the  
21 health, safety and comfort of residents and protection from fire  
22 hazards;

23 2. Number and qualifications of all personnel, including  
24 management and nursing personnel, having responsibility for any part

1 of the care given to residents; specifically, the Department shall  
2 establish staffing ratios for facilities which shall specify the  
3 number of staff hours per resident of care that are needed for  
4 professional nursing care for various types of facilities or areas  
5 within facilities;

6 3. All sanitary conditions within the facility and its  
7 surroundings, including water supply, sewage disposal, food  
8 handling, and general hygiene, which shall ensure the health and  
9 comfort of residents;

10 4. Diet related to the needs of each resident based on sound  
11 nutritional practice and on recommendations which may be made by the  
12 physicians attending the resident;

13 5. Equipment essential to the health and welfare of the  
14 residents;

15 6. Minimum levels of supplies including, but not limited to,  
16 food and other perishables;

17 7. Minimum financial solvency standards to ensure the operation  
18 of facilities; and

19 8. A program of rehabilitation for those residents who would  
20 benefit from such programs.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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