

Figure: 26 TAC §507.60

MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS FOR PATIENT CARE STAFF				
Patients Receiving Treatment	Charge Nurse (RN¹)²	Direct Care Staff – Licensed Nurse RN or LVN^{3,4,5}	Direct Care Staff – PCT^{6, 7} (Can be fulfilled by RN or LVN)	Total Clinical Staff⁸
1 – 7 ⁹	1	0	1	2
8	1	0	2	3
9 - 12	1	0	3	4
13 - 16	1	1	4	6
17 - 20	1	1	5	7
21 - 24	1	1	6	8
25 - 28	1	2	7	10
29 - 32	1	2	8	11
33 - 36	1	2	9	12
37 - 40	1	3	10	14
41 - 44	1	3	11	15
45 - 48	1	3	12	16
49 - 53	1	4	13	18
Etc.	Maintain 1 charge nurse (RN).	After 12 patients, Add 1 RN or LVN for every 1-12 patients.	For every additional 1-4 patients, add 1 additional direct care staff.	Sum of staff from previous three columns.

¹ Registered nurse (RN).

² The charge nurse may have patient assignments only when there are one to seven patients receiving treatment. The charge nurse may provide unassigned care to patients at any time.

³ Licensed vocational nurse (LVN).

⁴ Nurses in this category must be available to address emergency patient situations, including for patients who are not assigned to them.

⁵ The charge nurse is not included as direct care staff.

⁶ Each direct care staff shall only be assigned a maximum of four patients.

⁷ Patient care technician (PCT).

⁸ The number of total clinical staff includes the charge nurse.

⁹ For seven patients, the direct care staff may be assigned a maximum of four patients and the charge nurse may be assigned a maximum of three patients.