

**Required Posting of Nursing Facility Staffing
By January 1, 2003**

As of January 1, 2003, nursing facilities will be required to post staffing information on a daily basis for each shift.

Medicare and Medicaid regulations are amended by adding the following new paragraph:

“(8) INFORMATION ON NURSE STAFFING. –

“(A) IN GENERAL. – A (skilled - Medicare) nursing facility shall post daily for each shift the current number of licensed and unlicensed nursing staff directly responsible for resident care in the facility. The information shall be displayed in a uniform manner (as specified by the Secretary) and in a clearly visible place.

“(B) PUBLICATION OF DATA. – A (skilled – Medicare) nursing facility shall, upon request, make available to the public the nursing staff data described in subparagraph (A).”

EFFECTIVE DATE – The amendments made by this section shall take effect on January 1, 2003.

The Board of Nursing Regulation 18 VAC 90-20-35 requires that any person regulated by the Virginia Board of Nursing who provides direct patient care, shall while on duty wear identification which clearly indicates the person’s name and the appropriate title for the license, certification or registration issued by the Board. An employer cannot negate or override this responsibility. *A complaint could be filed to the board office and could result in disciplinary action by the Board of Nursing.*

Virginia Board of Nursing Disciplinary Actions Available On-Line

Disciplinary actions for licensed registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and certified nursing assistants are available at www.dhp.state.va.us/nursing/default.htm.