

**WAC 246-320-276 Long-term care services.** The purpose of this section is to guide the management and care of patients receiving long-term care services. Hospitals are not required to provide these services in order to be licensed.

If providing long-term care services, hospitals must:

- (1) Define the qualifications and oversight of staff delivering long-term care services;
- (2) Develop and implement policies and procedures specific to the care and needs of patients receiving the long-term services;
- (3) Use hospital policies and procedures which define standards of practice; and
- (4) Provide an activities program designed to encourage each patient to maintain or attain normal activity and an optimal level of independence.

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