

WAC 246-324-040 Governing body and administration. The governing body shall:

(1) Adopt written policies concerning the purposes, operation and maintenance of the hospital, and the safety, care and treatment of patients;

(2) Provide staff, facilities, equipment, supplies and services to meet the needs of patients within the purposes of the hospital;

(3) Establish and maintain a current written organizational plan delineating positions, responsibilities, authorities, and relationships of positions within the hospital;

(4) Appoint an administrator responsible for implementing the policies adopted by the governing body;

(5) Appoint a physician as medical director responsible for directing and supervising medical treatment and patient care twenty-four hours per day;

(6) Maintain an organized professional staff accountable to the governing body;

(7) Appoint and periodically reappoint the professional staff;

(8) Require and approve professional staff bylaws and rules concerning, at a minimum:

(a) Organization of the professional staff;

(b) Delineation of privileges;

(c) Requirements for membership;

(d) Specific mechanisms for appointing and reappointing members;

(e) Granting, renewing and revising clinical privileges;

(f) Self-government;

(g) Required functions;

(h) Accountability to the governing body; and

(i) Mechanisms to monitor and evaluate quality of care and clinical performance; and

(9) Require that each person admitted to the hospital is under the care of a professional staff member with clinical privileges.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 71.12 RCW and RCW 43.60.040. WSR 95-22-013, § 246-324-040, filed 10/20/95, effective 11/20/95.]