NOTICE OF FINAL ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO RULE 24
MS STATE BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS
Board action taken on October 15, 2009 to formally adopt.
Amended wording is in bold.

Rule 24. The Management of More than One Nursing Home Prohibited

No administrator shall administer more than one nursing home, except temporarily in the event an administrator dies, becomes incapacitated, or resigns unexpectedly and the owner, manager, or governing body is unable to employ a licensed nursing home administrator immediately. However, a licensed administrator may administer two facilities with separate provider numbers within the same building, which share the same management and staff, without making a request of the Board under the "Administer Two Facilities" criteria.

A nursing home facility with an administrator vacancy shall apply to the Board for an exception to allow a licensed administrator to serve as acting administrator of a second facility until a licensed nursing home administrator can be employed. Such application shall state the acting administrator's name, his place of employment, circumstances creating the need for a temporary arrangement and the period for which it is needed. Said application shall be verified by the acting administrator and the owner or manager of the nursing home. The two facilities shall be within fifty (50) miles of each other.

If Board approval is granted to administer two facilities, the nursing home administrator is fully responsible, both legally and in practice, for both facilities. The nursing home administrator must spend at least half time, i.e. sixteen (16) hours per week (Monday - Friday during normal business hours) on-site at each facility.

Governing bodies shall be allowed ten (10) days from time of administrator vacancy to submit a plan to correct deficiency.

All permits shall expire at the end of ninety (90) days. One ninety (90) day extension may be granted at the discretion of the Board. In no case shall temporary arrangements exceed six (6) months. Failure to comply will result in the Office of Licensure and Certification being notified of such.