

Rule 2.7      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 one hundred (100) miles of each other. If the nursing home facility's request is granted, the Board will issue a temporary authorization for the nursing home administrator to serve as acting administrator of the facility.

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

All authorizations 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.

For purposes of this rule:

- i) A nursing home facility is limited to one authorization and one extension of authorization in a single calendar year; and
- ii) A nursing home administrator is limited to one authorization and one extension of authorization in a single calendar year.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. Sections 73-17-7(2) and 73-17-9(d)*(Rev. 2008).