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Q: Who is required to have CPR training in an LTC facility?

A: Federal CMS requirements under F155 state that CPR certified staff must be available at all times. Staff must maintain current CPR certification for health care providers through a CPR provider whose training includes hands-on skills practice and in-person assessment and demonstration of skills; online-only certification is not acceptable.

Under LTC state licensing requirements, Section 300.1030 (click here) states that, “There shall be at least one staff person on duty at all times who has been properly trained to handle the medical emergencies in subsection (a) of this Section. This staff person may also be conducted in fulfilling the requirement of subsection (d) of this Section, if the staff person meets the specified certification requirements. When two or more staff are on duty in the facility, at least two staff people on duty in the facility shall have current certification in the provision of basic life support by an American Heart Association or American Red Cross certified training program. When there is only one person on duty in the facility, that person needs to be certified. Any facility employee who is on duty in the facility may be utilized to meet this requirement.”