

231D.2 Purpose intent rules.

1. The purpose of this chapter is to promote and encourage adequate and safe care for adults with functional impairments.
2. It is the intent of the general assembly that the department of elder affairs establish policy for adult day services programs and that the department of inspections and appeals enforce this chapter.
3. The department shall establish, by rule in accordance with chapter 17A, a program for certification and monitoring of and complaint investigations related to adult day services programs. The department, in establishing minimum standards for adult day services programs, may adopt by rule in accordance with chapter 17A, nationally recognized standards for adult day services programs. The rules shall include specification of recognized accrediting entities. The rules shall include a requirement that sufficient staffing be available at all times to fully meet a participant's identified needs. The rules shall include a requirement that no fewer than two staff persons who monitor participants as indicated in each participant's service plan shall be awake and on duty during the hours of operation when two or more participants are present. The rules and minimum standards adopted shall be formulated in consultation with the department of inspections and appeals and affected industry, professional, and consumer groups and shall be designed to accomplish the purpose of this chapter.
4. The department may establish by administrative rule, in accordance with chapter 17A, specific rules related to minimum standards for dementia-specific adult day services programs. The rules shall be formulated in consultation with the department of inspections and appeals and affected industry, professional, and consumer groups.

2003 Acts, ch 165, §2; 2005 Acts, ch 61, §2, 17