

**481—71.8 (135G) Required notifications to the department.**

**71.8(1)** The department shall be notified:

- a.* Thirty days in advance of any proposed change in the subacute care facility's functional operation or the addition or deletion of required services;
- b.* Thirty days before any addition, alteration, or new construction is begun in the subacute care facility or on the premises;
- c.* Thirty days in advance of any closure of the subacute care facility;
- d.* Within two weeks of any change in administrator;
- e.* Within 30 days of the date on which any change in the category of license is sought;
- f.* Within 30 days of any proposed change in the résumé of care for the subacute care facility.

**71.8(2)** Prior to the purchase, transfer, assignment, or lease of a subacute care facility, the licensee shall:

- a.* Inform the department of the pending sale, transfer, assignment, or lease of the facility; and
- b.* Inform the department of the name and address of the prospective purchaser, transferee, assignee, or lessee at least 30 days before the sale, transfer, assignment, or lease is completed.

**71.8(3)** Within 24 hours, or the next business day, by the most expeditious means available, the department shall be notified:

- a.* Of any accident causing major injury. "Major injury" shall be defined as any injury which:
  - (1) Results in death; or
  - (2) Requires admission to a higher level of care for treatment, other than for observation; or
  - (3) Requires consultation with the attending physician, or designee of the physician, or advanced registered nurse practitioner who determines, in writing, on a form designated by the department, that an injury is a "major injury" based upon the circumstances of the accident, the previous functional ability of the resident, and the resident's prognosis;
- b.* When a resident attempts suicide, regardless of injury;
- c.* When damage to the facility is caused by a natural or other disaster;
- d.* When a fire occurs in a facility and the fire requires the notification of emergency services, requires full or partial evacuation of the facility, or causes physical injury to a resident;
- e.* When a defect or failure occurs in the fire sprinkler or fire alarm system for more than 4 hours in a 24-hour period. (This reporting requirement is in addition to the requirement to notify the state fire marshal.)