

481—57.9(135C) Administrator. Each residential care facility shall have one person in charge, duly approved by the department or acting in a provisional capacity in accordance with these regulations. (III)

57.9(1) The administrator shall be at least 18 years of age and shall have a high school diploma or equivalent. (III) In addition, this person shall meet at least one of the following conditions:

- a. Be a licensed nursing home administrator; or (III)
- b. Have completed a one-year educational training program approved by the department for residential care facility administrators; or (III)
- c. Have two years of supervised experience in a residential care facility, at least six months of which was in an administrative capacity. (III)

57.9(2) The administrator may act as an administrator for not more than two residential care facilities. (II)

- a. The distance between the two facilities shall be no greater than 50 miles. (II)
- b. The administrator shall spend the equivalent of three full eight-hour days per week in each facility. (II)
- c. The administrator may be responsible for no more than 150 beds in total if the administrator is an administrator of more than one facility. (II)

57.9(3) The licensee may be the approved administrator providing the licensee meets the requirements set forth in these regulations and devotes the required time to administrative duties. Residency in the facility does not in itself meet the requirement. (III)

57.9(4) A provisional administrator may be appointed on a temporary basis by the residential care facility licensee to assume the administrative responsibilities for a residential care facility for a period not to exceed six months when, through no fault of its own, the home has lost its administrator and has not been able to replace the administrator provided the department has been notified prior to the date of the administrator's appointment. (III)

57.9(5) In the absence of the administrator, a responsible person shall be designated in writing to the department to be in charge of the facility. (III) The person designated shall:

- a. Be knowledgeable of the operation of the facility; (III)
- b. Have access to records concerned with the operation of the facility; (III)
- c. Be capable of carrying out administrative duties and of assuming administrative responsibilities; (III)
- d. Be at least 18 years of age; (III)
- e. Be empowered to act on behalf of the licensee during the administrator's absence concerning the health, safety, and welfare of the residents; (III)
- f. Have had training to carry out assignments and take care of emergencies and sudden illnesses of residents. (III)

57.9(6) An administrator of only one facility shall be considered as a full-time employee. Full-time employment is defined as 40 hours per week. (III)