

Alabama Department of Public Health Bureau of Health Provider Standards

Activity Certification

The Rules of the Alabama State Board of Health, Alabama Department of Public Health referenced in **Chapter 420-5-10 Nursing Facilities 420-5-10-.081)(f)2** states:

(f) Activities.

1. The facility must provide for an ongoing program of activities designed to meet, in accordance with the comprehensive assessment, the interests and the physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each resident.
2. The activities program must be directed by a qualified professional who:
 - (i) Is a qualified therapeutic recreation specialist or an activities professional who:
 - (I) Is registered by the Alabama Department of Public Health; and
 - (II) Is eligible for certification as a therapeutic recreation specialist or as an activities professional by a recognized accrediting body on or after October 1, 1990; or
 - (III) Has 2 years of experience in a social or recreational program within the last 5 years, 1 of which was fulltime in a resident activities program in a health care setting; or
 - (IV) Is a qualified occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant; or
 - (V) Has completed a training course approved by the State.

“Recognized accrediting body” refers to those organizations that certify, register, or license therapeutic recreation specialists, activity professionals, or occupational therapists.