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Re: Nurse Staffing Audits 2008



The Department has completed the required Nurse Staffing Audits. Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 441.170(3) requires an annual random audit of not less than seven percent. This is equal to at least 4 audits. This year the department was able to complete four audits.

Hospitals included in this years audit included bed capacities from 24 beds to 378 beds.

Numbers of Nursing Staff ranged from 14 to 607 employees.

Location of hospital audits included the Oregon Coast, Portland, Southern Oregon, and Mid Willamette Valley.

2 of the four hospitals were in full or mostly full compliance with the Nurse Staffing law.

2 of the four hospitals were either fully non-compliant or had major issues with non-compliance in the nurse staffing requirements.

Two of the four hospitals were assessed a civil penalty of \$500. The hospitals paid the civil penalty and were warned that any future major non-compliance would lead to the use of the full civil penalty authority.

The department received 1 Nurse Staffing Complaint during this reporting period and they were given a full audit and are included in the four audits completed.

Please see the attached matrix with additional detail.

Nurse Staffing Audits 2008	Facility Name	Facility Name
	Rogue Valley Medical Center	Curry General Hospital
Date of Survey	05/05/2008 through 05/07/2008	09/08/2008 through 09/11/2008
Licensed Bed Capacity	378	24
Licensed Beds Ready for occupancy	312	37.5
Reported Number of Nursing Staff		
RNs:	607	26.5
LPNs:	21	2
CNAs:	165	9
Nurse Staffing Audit Notice Posted:	16 Notices Posted	3 Notices Posted
Number of nursing staff interviewed:	15 Nurse Interviewed	No witnesses came forward
Audit Results	In-compliance with Nurse Staffing	Partial Compliance with Nurse Staffing
Civil Penalty NOTES:	Full Compliance	Non-Compliant
	Not Applicable	Civil Penalty of \$500
	NOTES: No violations detected or complaints received from nursing staff during audit	Failure to implement Nurse Staffing Law
Nurse Staffing Audits 2006	Facility Name	Facility Name
	Vibra Specialty Hospital	Cottage Grove Community Hospital
Date of Survey	10/30/2008	1/26/2009 to 1/28/2009
Licensed Bed Capacity	56	14
Licensed Beds Ready for occupancy	38	14
Reported Number of Nursing Staff		
RNs:	22	19.8
LPNs:	6	0.6
CNAs:	17	10
Nurse Staffing Audit Notice Posted:	2 posted on 10/27/2008	10 Notices posted
Number of nursing staff interviewed:	No Nurse came forward for Interviews	No Nurse came forward for Interviews
	Nurse Staffing Complaint	
Audit Results	Partial Compliance with Nurse Staffing	2 audit items not met
Civil Penalty	\$500 Civil Penalty Issued	Full Compliance
		Not Applicable
NOTES:	NOTES: No violations major detected or complaints received from nursing staff during audit	NOTES: No violations major detected or complaints received from nursing staff during audit