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OPERATIONAL DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY RESIDENCE FACILITY

A Community Residence Facility (CRF) provides a level of health care in a safe, hygienic, protective / sheltered living arrangement for one (1) or more individuals who are not related by blood or marriage to the Residence Director. These individuals are ambulatory with or without the assistance of mechanical device(s), able to get in and out of bed, able to move about from place to place. They are oriented to place, time and day; capable of making proper judgements in emergency situations, and able to perform the activities of daily living (eating, bathing, dressing, toileting and walking) independently or with minimal assistance. This level of health care is for individuals who desire or require supervision or assistance within a protected environment because of physical, mental, familial or social circumstances. This definition is for facilities that are for the elderly, half-way houses and group homes for mentally retarded persons.

A Mental Health Community Residence Facility (MHCRF) is a publicly or privately-owned residence that houses individuals, 18 years or older, with a principal diagnosis of mental illness, and who require 24-hour on-site supervision, personal assistance, lodging, and meals.

In each licensed community residence facility is an adult who is held accountable as the Residence Director. The Residence Director supervises the activities of each resident to assure that each resident maintains adequate daily person hygiene, establishes social, community and family contacts. The Residence Director also assists the resident to obtain adequate medical health and social services, and supervises the resident in self-administering medications that have been prescribed by a licensed physician.

Each applicant to a community residence facility is required to have a physical examination and a referral by a licensed physician. The prospective resident is required to obtain a medical certification in writing that he / she is not in need of professional nursing care and that his / her needs can be safely and adequately met within a community residence facility.

The definition above does not include facilities providing sheltered living arrangements to individuals who are in the custody of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections.

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