WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16B-6-1a

§16B-6-1a. Powers, rights, and duties of the Inspector General.

In the administration of this article, the Inspector General shall have the following powers, duties and rights:

(a) To promulgate and enforce rules governing complaint investigations within the homes of legally unlicensed health care providers registered under this article. Such rules shall include the minimum health, safety and welfare standards in the following areas:

(1) Physical environment;

(2) Nutrition;

(3) Requirements related to limited and intermittent nursing care;

(4) Medication administration;

(5) Protective and personal services to be provided;

(6) Treatment;

(7) Visitation privileges governing access to a resident by immediate family or other relatives of the resident and by other persons who are visiting with the consent of the resident; and

(8) Such other categories as the director determines to be appropriate to ensure residents' health, safety, and welfare.

(b) To exercise as sole authority all powers relating to issuance, suspension, and revocation of registration of legally unlicensed homes providing health care;

(c) To issue directed plans of correction for deficiencies identified during complaint investigations;

(d) To order closure of any home for failure to comply with a directed plan of corrections;

(e) To take all actions required under the provisions of sections §16B-6-3, §16B-6-4, §16B-6-5, and §16B-6-6 of this code; and

(f) To deny registration to any operator of a legally unlicensed home who is listed on the state abuse registry.

(g) The Inspector General designates the director of the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification to enforce the provisions of this article, except where otherwise stated.

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