Figure: 26 TAC §507.60

Staffing Levels of Direct Care Staff MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS FOR PATIENT CARE STAFF				
Patients Receiving Treatment	Charge Nurse (RN[1])[2]	RN or LVN[3,4]	Direct Care Staff[3,4] (RN, LVN, or PCT[5])	Total Clinical Staff[6]
1 - 7[7]	1	0	1	2
8	1	0	2	3
9 - 12	1	0	3	4
13 - 16	1	1	4	6
17 - 20	1	1	5	7
21 - 24	1	1	6	8
25 - 28	1	2	7	10
29 - 32	1	2	8	11
33 - 36	1	2	9	12
37 - 40	1	3	10	14
41 - 44	1	3	11	15
45 - 48	1	3	12	16
49 - 53	1	4	13	18
Etc.				

[1] Registered nurse (RN).

[2] The charge nurse may only have patient assignments when there are one to seven patients. The charge nurse may provide unassigned care to patients at any time.

[3] Licensed vocational nurse (LVN).

[4] Nurses in this category must be available to address emergency patient situations, including for patients who are not assigned to them.

[3] The charge nurse is not included as direct care staff.

[4] Each direct care staff shall only be assigned a maximum of four patients.

[5] Patient care technician (PCT).

[6] The number of total clinical staff includes the charge nurse.

[7] For seven patients, the direct care staff may be assigned a maximum of four patients and the charge nurse may be assigned a maximum of three patients.