Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 34.—Hospitals—Part 1. General.

28-34-19. Pediatric department.

Hospitals with an organized pediatric department shall provide facilities for the care of children, apart from the services for adult patients and from the newborn nursery, and there shall be proper facilities and procedures for the isolation of children with infectious, contagious or communicable conditions.

(a) The pediatric department shall be under the supervision of a designated staff physician.

(b) Hospitals providing pediatric care shall be evaluated and approved on the basis of the size of the service, the personnel, facilities, policies, and procedures.

(c) The newborn nursery and the pediatric department shall not be used for boarding care of illegitimate, dependent, neglected, or defective children. If, at the end of the period for which progressive medical care is indicated, the hospital is unable to properly discharge such infants, their presence shall be reported to the division of maternal and child health of the state department of health for suitable action by said department.

(d) Policies shall be established to cover conditions under which parents may stay with small children or "room-in" with their hospitalized child for moral support and assistance with care.

(e) There shall be appropriate referrals to public health nurses or other agencies for follow-up care as needed.

(f) Adolescents shall be separated from younger children. Reasonable privacy, without limiting necessary observation, shall be available for adolescents.

(Authorized by K.S.A. 65-431; effective Jan. 1, 1969.)

***** Authenticated Kansas Administrative Regulation *****