

1. Some stakeholders provided comments recommending a 1:6 nurse-to-patient ratio for adult patients and a 1:4 nurse-to-patient ratio for pediatric/adolescent patients, what specific patient needs justify a different ratio based solely on age?
2. Do APHs recruit nursing staff (RNs, LVNs, and PTs) with specific skills for working with pediatric/adolescent patients that differ from those working with adult patients? What additional training should nursing staff receive when working with pediatric/adolescent patients in the APH setting?
3. What data should an APH collect to validate their policies and procedures accurately and consistently determine appropriate staffing levels that meet patient needs?
4. What barriers, if any, do you see with implementing specific nurse-to-patient ratios in APHs?
5. Do you have any other comments/suggestions regarding the APH staffing ratios that you would like the Department to consider?