

NOTICE OF RESIDENT'S RIGHTS

This is a summary of your rights as a nursing facility resident. When you enter a nursing facility, you do not lose your rights as an individual. A nursing facility must protect and promote your rights and the rights of each resident, as described below.

I. FREE CHOICE

You have the right to choose a personal attending physician, to be fully informed in advance about your care or treatment, to be fully informed in advance of any changes in care or treatment that may affect your well-being, and (in the event you are not able to make your own decisions) to participate in planning your care and treatment or changes in your care and treatment.

II. FREE FROM RESTRAINTS

You have the right to be free from physical or mental abuse, corporal punishment, involuntary seclusion, and any physical or chemical restraints imposed for purposes of discipline or convenience and not required to treat your medical symptoms.

III. PRIVACY

You have the right to privacy with regard to accommodations, medical treatment, written and telephone communications, visits, and meetings of family and of resident groups, but this does not require the facility to provide a private room for each resident.

IV. CONFIDENTIALITY

You have the right to confidentiality of your personal and clinical records and may access any current clinical records upon your request or that of your legal representative, within 24 hours (excluding weekends or holidays) after making such a request.

V. ACCOMMODATION OF NEEDS

You have the right to reside and receive services with reasonable accommodation of your needs and preferences, except where your health or safety or that of any other resident would be endangered, and to receive notice before your room or roommate in the facility is changed.

VI. GRIEVANCES

You have the right to voice grievances with respect to your treatment or care that is (or fails to be) furnished, without discrimination or reprisal for voicing the grievances. You have the right to prompt efforts by the facility to resolve grievances you may have, including those with respect to the behavior of the residents.

VII. PARTICIPATION IN RESIDENT AND FAMILY GROUPS

You have the right to organize and participate in resident groups in the facility. In addition, your family has the right to meet with the families or other residents in the facility.

VIII. PARTICIPATION IN OTHER ACTIVITIES

You have the right to organize and participate in social, religious, and community activities that do not interfere with the rights of other residents in the facility.

IX. EXAMINATION OF SURVEY RESULTS

You have the right to examine, upon reasonable request, the results of the most recent survey of this facility conducted by federal or state surveyors and any plan of correction in effect with respect to this facility.

X. REFUSAL OF CERTAIN TRANSFERS

You have the right to refuse a transfer to another room within the facility.

XI. ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

This nursing facility must provide written information to you, upon admission, regarding your right to make your own health care decisions, including the right to accept or refuse medical treatment.

XIII. NOTICE OF YOUR RIGHTS

The nursing facility must inform you orally and in writing at the time you enter the facility of your legal rights during your stay at the facility and of the requirements and procedures for establishing eligibility for Medicaid. The nursing facility must also provide to you a separate, detailed copy of patients rights at the time of admission, which fully explains all of your rights as a nursing facility resident.

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