100. ADMINISTRATION.

03. Patient/Resident Rights and Responsibilities.

The administrator, on behalf of the governing body of the facility, shall establish written policies regarding the rights and responsibilities of patients/residents and responsibility for development of, and adherence to, procedures implementing such policies.

...c. These patients’/residents’ rights, policies and procedures ensure that, at least, each patient/resident admitted to the facility:

...ii. Is fully informed, prior to or at the time of admission and during stay, of services available in the facility, and of related charges including any charges for services not covered under Titles XVIII or XIX of the Social Security Act, or not covered by the facility’s basic per diem rate;

...iv. Is transferred or discharged only for medical reasons, or for his welfare or that of other patients/residents, or for nonpayment for his stay (except as prohibited by Titles XVIII or XIX of the Social Security Act), and is given reasonable advance notice to ensure orderly transfer or discharge, and such actions are documented in his medical record...

...08. Notification of Change in Patient/Resident Status. There shall be written policies and procedures relating to notification of next of kin, or sponsor, in the event of a significant change in a patient’s/resident’s status.

a. Patients/residents shall not be transferred or discharged on the attending physician’s order without prior notification of next of kin, or sponsor, except in cases of emergency. Patients/residents shall be counseled prior to transfer or discharge.

b. As changes occur in their physical or mental conditions, necessitating services or care not regularly provided by the facility, patients/residents shall be transferred to a facility providing the appropriate level of care.

154. MEDICAL DIRECTION.

...04. Emergency Transfer. In the event that neither the patient’s/resident’s attending physician nor the emergency physician can be contacted, the patient/resident in an emergent situation may be transferred to the emergency department of a nearby hospital.