105 CMR 150.000: LICENSING OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

150.006: Other Professional Services and Diagnostic Services

(A) Each patient or resident or (if he is not competent) his next of kin or sponsor shall have the right to designate other licensed practitioners of their choice.

150.007 Nursing Services

(D) Nursing Care.

(2) Nursing Care Plan: In facilities that provide Level I, II or III care, the nursing care shall include a comprehensive, nursing care plan for each patient developed by the nursing staff in relation to the patient’s total health needs.

(f) The plan shall reflect the patient’s psycho-social needs and ethnic, religious, social, cultural or other preferences.

(G) Nursing and Supportive Routines and Practices.

(1) All facilities shall provide sufficient nursing care and supportive care so that each patient or resident:

(e) Is treated with kindness and respect.

150.008: Pharmaceutical Services and Medications

(A) All facilities shall maintain current written policies and procedures regarding the procurement, storage, dispensing, administration and recording of drugs and medications.

...(2) Provision shall be made for the prompt and convenient acquisition of prescribed drugs from licensed community, institutional or hospital pharmacies. Facilities shall make no exclusive arrangements for the supply or purchase of drugs; and patients or residents, their next of kin or sponsor may arrange for the purchase of prescribed medications from pharmacies of their own choice provided medications are dispensed and labeled as specified in 105 CMR 150.000.

150.015: Patient Comfort, Safety, Accommodations and Equipment

(A) All facilities shall provide for the comfort, safety and mental and physical well-being of patients or residents.

(B) Personal Care,(1) Every patient or resident shall have a reasonable amount of privacy in routine daily living, during visiting hours, in time of crisis or when seriously ill.

(2) Patients and residents shall be treated with dignity and kindness at all times.
(3) Patients’ or residents’ personal effects shall be treated with respect and care.

151.320: Patient Bedrooms -- Nursing Care Units