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420-5-10-.10 QUALITY OF CARE

07 AAC 012.258. Use of Psychoactive Drugs.

(a) In addition to the rights of patients specified in 7 AAC 12.890, residents of nursing facilities have the right to be free from psychoactive drugs administered for purposes of discipline or convenience and that are not required to treat the resident's medical symptoms.

(b) The record must contain evidence of an interdisciplinary team's identification of less restrictive approaches to be used before or in conjunction with the use of psychoactive drugs.

(c) If, after a trial period of less restrictive measures, a nursing facility decides that a psychoactive drug would enable and promote greater functional or social independence, the nursing facility must explain the use of the psychoactive drug to the resident, before its use. If the resident has a legal representative, the explanation must also be given to the resident's legal representative, before its use. The explanation must include a description of the risks and benefits of the use of the drug.

(d) Approval of the use of a psychoactive drug by a resident or legal representative must precede its use, except in the case of a medical emergency in which there is a risk of harm to the resident or others. The approval, or the circumstances of the emergency, must be documented in the resident's medical records at the nursing facility.

(e) A resident's medical records must contain evidence of an interdisciplinary team's periodic reassessment of the psychoactive drug to determine its effectiveness and appropriateness for continued use.

(f) A nursing home must also meet the requirements at 42 C.F.R. 483.10, 483.12, 483.13, and 483.15, as amended July 1, 1991, regardless of whether the nursing home is certified to receive Medicaid payments under 7 AAC 43.170.

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Authority:

AS 18.20.010

AS 18.20.060

07 AAC 012.270. STAFF DUTIES.

(b) The nursing facility staff shall give residents the necessary care to prevent pressure ulcers, contractures, and deformities.

(c) The nursing facility staff shall implement procedures to prevent and reduce incontinence of residents. These procedures must include

(1) A written assessment by a registered nurse within two weeks after admission of an incontinent resident's ability to participate in a bowel or bladder training program;

(2) An individualized bowel or bladder training plan for each resident, as appropriate; and

(3) a monthly written summary of a resident's performance in the training program.

(d) The nursing facility staff shall observe the hydration status of residents, and shall record deviations from the normal status and report the deviations to the charge nurse.

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Authority:

AS 18.20.010

AS 18.20.060

7 AAC 12.680 PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICE.

(a)...The pharmacist shall perform the following duties:

...(8) Document and evaluate medication errors to prevent reoccurrence and to ensure the accuracy and adequacy of the medication distribution system.

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