

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 39.—Licensure of Adult Care Homes

28-39-153. Quality of life.

Each nursing facility shall care for its residents in a manner and in an environment that promotes maintenance or enhancement of each resident's quality of life.

(a) Dignity. Each facility shall promote respect of each resident and shall fully recognize each resident's individuality.

(b) Self-determination and participation. The nursing facility shall afford each resident the right to:

(1) Choose activities, schedules, and health care consistent with resident's interests, assessments and care plans;

(2) interact with members of the community both inside and outside the facility; and

(3) make choices about aspects of the resident's life that are significant to the resident.

(c) Participation in resident and family groups.

(1) The facility shall afford each resident the right to organize and participate in resident groups in the facility.

(2) The nursing facility shall afford each resident's family the right to meet in the facility with the families of other residents in the facility.

(3) Staff or visitors may attend meetings at the group's invitation.

(4) The facility shall designate a staff person responsible for providing assistance and responding to written requests that result from group meetings.

(5) When a resident or family group exists, the facility shall consider the views, grievances, and recommendations of residents and their families concerning proposed policy and operational decisions affecting resident care and life in the facility. The nursing facility shall maintain a record of the written requests and the facility responses or actions.

(d) Participation in other activities. The nursing facility shall afford each resident the right to:

(1) Participate in social, religious, and community activities that do not interfere with the rights of other residents in the facility; and

(2) reside and receive services in the facility with reasonable accommodation of individual needs and preferences, except when the health or safety of the individual or other residents would be endangered.

(e) Activities.

(1) The facility shall provide an ongoing program of activities designed to meet, in accordance with the comprehensive assessment, the interests of and promote the physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each resident.

(2) A qualified activities director shall direct the activities program.

(3) The nursing facility shall employ activities personnel at a minimum weekly average of .09 hours per resident per day.

(f) Social services.

(1) The facility shall provide medically-related social services to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each resident.

(2) Any facility with more than 120 beds shall employ a full-time social service designee who:

(A) is a licensed social worker; or

(B) (i) meets the qualifications in K.A.R. 28-39-144 (bbb); and
(ii) receives supervision from a licensed social worker.

(3) Any facility with 120 beds or fewer shall employ a social services designee. If the social service designee is not a licensed social worker or meets the requirements in K.A.R. 28-39-144 (bbb)(2), a licensed social worker shall supervise the social service designee.

(4) The nursing facility shall employ social service personnel at a minimum weekly average of .09 hours per resident per day.

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