



The following Rules from IDAPA 16.03.22 Rules for Residential Assisted Living Facilities in Idaho are waived until further notice to allow facilities to comply with the “Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of COVID-19 in Residential Assisted Living Facilities”

550. REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTS' RIGHTS.

07. Access and Visitation Rights. Each facility must permit:

- ~~b. Immediate access to a resident, subject to the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time, by immediate family or other relatives;~~
- ~~c. Immediate access to a resident, subject to reasonable restrictions and the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time, by others who are visiting with the consent of the resident; and~~
- ~~d. Reasonable access to a resident by any entity or individual that provides health, social, legal, or other services to the resident, subject to the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time.~~

~~14. Participation in Resident and Family Groups. Each resident must have the right to organize and participate in resident groups in the facility and the right of the resident's family to meet in the facility with the families of other residents in the facility.~~

15. Participation in Other Activities. Each resident must have the right to participate in social, religious, and community activities that do not interfere with the rights of other residents in the facility.

17. Access by Advocates and Representatives. A residential care or assisted living facility must permit advocates and ~~representatives of community legal services programs, whose purposes include rendering assistance without charge to residents, to have access to the facility at reasonable times in order to:~~

- a. Visit, talk with, and make personal, social, and legal services available to all residents;
- b. Inform residents of their rights and entitlements, and their corresponding obligations, under state, federal and local laws by distribution of educational materials and discussion in groups and with individuals;
- c. Assist residents in asserting their legal rights regarding claims for public assistance, medical assistance and social security benefits, and in all other matters in which residents are aggrieved, that may be provided individually, or in a group basis, and may include organizational activity, counseling and litigation;
- d. Engage in all other methods of assisting, advising, and representing residents so as to extend to them the full enjoyment of their rights;
- e. Communicate privately and without restrictions with any resident who consents to the communication; and
- f. Observe all common areas of the facility.

151. ACTIVITY POLICIES.

02. Activity Opportunities. The policy must include opportunities from the following activities:

- a. Socialization through ~~group discussion~~, conversation, recreation, ~~visiting~~, arts and crafts, music;
 - b. Daily living activities to foster and maintain independent functioning;
 - c. Physical activities such as games, sports, and exercises which develop and maintain strength, coordination, and range of motion;
 - d. ~~Education through special classes or activities~~; and
 - e. Leisure time so residents may engage in activities of their own choosing.
03. ~~Community Resources for Activities. The facility will utilize community resources to promote resident participation in integrated activities of their choice both in and away from the facility.~~

410. REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

02. ~~Fire Drills. All personnel and residents must participate in a minimum of one (1) fire drill per shift per quarter. Fire drills must be unannounced.~~

415. MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS FOR FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY.

02. ~~Fuel-Fired Heating. Fuel fired heating devices and systems, including wood stoves, must be inspected/serviced/cleaned at least annually by a person professionally engaged in the business of servicing these devices or systems.~~

03. ~~Portable Fire Extinguisher Service and Testing. Portable fire extinguishers must be serviced in accordance with NFPA Standard #10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, 2002 Edition. In addition, portable fire extinguishers must be examined at least monthly by a designated person in the facility to determine that:~~

04. ~~Fire Alarm Smoke Detection System Service and Testing. a. The facility's fire alarm smoke detection system must be inspected, tested, and serviced at least annually by a person or business professionally engaged in the servicing of such systems; and~~

05. ~~Automatic Fire Extinguishing System Service and Testing. All automatic fire extinguishing systems must be inspected, tested, and serviced at least annually by a sprinkler system contractor licensed by the Idaho State Fire Marshal's office.~~

Sincerely,



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