

2019 Proposed RALF Rule Changes

Material changes – page numbers correspond to pages in the [Draft Rule Change - Full Document](#)

1. Staff accepting money from residents as gifts or in exchange for additional services added to the definition of exploitation – p8
2. Disaster plan now requires two separate locations for evacuation – p24
3. Emergency generators, when installed, must comply with NFPA – p25
4. Admission agreement to disclose charges that result when resident does not give 30 day notice – p33
5. Facility to provide a copy of smoking policy upon move in – p34
6. AC to keep facility below 78 during the day and 75 at night – p38
7. 100 sf per resident in shared room for construction after 1/1/21 (up from 80) – p39
8. Non-ambulatory must reside on first floor if move in after 1/1/21 – p53&54
9. Menu posted 5 days in advance – p59
10. Fluids to be offered between meals and at bedtime – p60
11. P&P for abuse, neglect, exploitation and inadequate care must be posted in facility, available upon request and shared annually with residents – p61
12. Evidence or resolution (for non-core deficiencies) no longer required – p19
13. Activity requirements no longer include activities of daily living or leisure time p21
14. Reportable incidents can be reported within 1 business day, rather than 24 hours p21
15. Multiple facility administrator criteria removed from rule (except size and number) – CCAC will make recommendations for the criteria
16. Chemicals now must be locked only for residents with cognitive impairments – p41
17. LPN rather than RN can now respond to changes of condition – p41
18. No longer required to report to physician or state if care or services are not provided – p42
19. Medications can be donated to any authorized entity -p43
20. Mental health contract beds requirements removed – p51
21. Allows for single use items for special events – p60
22. No civil monetary penalties for first time deficiencies – p80
23. Ban on admissions no longer imposed for repeat non-core deficiencies – p79
24. Behavior interventions reviewed as appropriate rather than after 72 hours – p48

Clarifications

- Line of sight for direct resident access until background check complete
- Direct resident access is to person, financial or health information
- Definition of Maladaptive Behavior-interferes with resident care, other residents rights or presents a danger
- Resident access to funds during “normal business” hours rather than “reasonable”
- Administrator required all the time – core if more than 30 days without
- Notify administrator of abuse, neglect, incidents and accidents immediately, complaints next business day
- Removed Department Clients – rules apply equally to all
- Facility to provide copy of resident records within 2 business days of authorized request
- DRI & Ombudsman both in all discharge notices
- Secure unit if resident history of eloping or attempting to elope, only for cognitively impaired residents
- Out of unit is also an elopement
- Nursing assessment defined
- Resident need for treatment or assessment outside facility as a result of incident is reportable
- Spelled out what to document for controlled substance tracking
- Assessment – put all assessment requirements in one place and spelled out psycho, social, medical and historical
- Consolidated record requirements into one place
- Enforcement Actions section greatly shortened and specific about what situations could lead to each enforcement action