

WINDSOR HOUSE

SMOKING POLICY

PURPOSE: To ensure that the facility meets Federal and State regulations and guidelines regarding the resident's right to smoke under the homes safety rules and under applicable laws and rules of the state, unless not medically advisable as documented in his/her medical record by the attending physician or unless contradictory to written admission policies.

POLICY: It is the policy of the facility to preserve the resident's right to safely smoke in compliance with Ohio and Federal Nursing Home Bill of Rights, Sec. 371.13 (A), Rule #18.

- 1) The admissions director or his/her designee will inform the resident in writing, at the time of admission, of the facility smoking policy and resident's responsibilities.
- 2) If a resident wishes to smoke, the resident's attending physician will be notified.
- 3) The facility's smoking policy and resident responsibilities include, but is not limited, to the following information:
 - a. All residents requesting to smoke will have a smoking assessment completed upon admission, annually and upon significant changes in condition.
 - b. Residents determined unsafe to smoke without supervision per the smoking assessment will not be permitted to smoke independent of supervision.
 - c. Resident will need to sign the facility smoking policy.
 - d. Smoking materials including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, lighters, matches and vapes CANNOT be kept in the resident's room or on their person during unauthorized smoking periods.
 - e. All smoking materials in excess of the resident's imminent use will be maintained in a secured area.
 - f. Residents determined to be safe to smoke unsupervised will be required to return all smoking materials to the nurses' station immediately after smoking.
 - g. Smoking materials will be monitored and dispensed by activity staff or other designated staff during designated smoking times, only to residents determined to need supervision, and will not be given to the resident personally.
 - h. Smoking aprons will be provided by the facility and will be worn by those residents determined to require them by the interdisciplinary team.
 - i. Resident's must be able to hold their own cigarette if deemed a safe unsupervised smoker.
 - j. Resident and/or family or designated facility staff member must purchase cigarettes and give them to the facility personnel for secure storage; nothing should be left with the resident or in their room.
 - k. If a resident misses their smoking time, there are no make-up times.
- 4) The facility's smoking policy and the resident responsibilities will be reviewed periodically by the administrator and corporate entity to ensure corporate compliance. Any violation of the smoking policy will result in the resident losing their smoking privileges.
- 5) A resident's particular preference, problems, concerns, or behaviors pertaining to his/her smoking will be addressed in the resident's interdisciplinary plan of care.
- 6) In the event that the facility chooses to become a "non-smoking" facility, all current residents of the facility will be permitted, as specified by the Bill of Rights, to continue to smoke at the facility. No resident will be discharged from the facility solely due to their desire to continue to smoke, despite the facility's decision to become a "non-smoking" facility.

- 7) Smoking is limited to only designated smoking area.
- 8) Smoked materials will be disposed of in the appropriate smoking post provided by the facility.
- 9) Non-compliance with this policy may result in a 30-day discharge notice from this facility. Non-compliance with this policy that results in safety concerns for the resident and/or co-residents; staff and visitors may result in immediate discharge.

Resident Signature_____

Date_____

Facility Representative_____

Date_____

