SMOKING POLICY FOR SNYDER MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE CENTER

POLICY:
It is the policy of Snyder Memorial Healthcare Center that the facility will preserve the resident's right to safely smoke in compliance with State and Federal Nursing Home Resident Rights, outlined in 42CFR483.10 – 42CFR483.15.

PURPOSE:
To ensure that the facility meets Federal and State regulations and guidelines regarding the resident's right to smoke under the home's safety rules and under applicable Federal and State laws and rules (42CFR483.90), unless not medically advisable as documented in his/her medical record by the attending physician or unless contradictory to written admission policies.

1. The admission's coordinator or his/her designee will inform the resident in writing at the time of admission, regarding the facility smoking policy and residents' responsibilities.
2. The resident's attending physician will document in the medical record any residents who are medically unadvised to smoke secondary to their medical condition. The physician recommendation will be reviewed with the resident and/or their representative.
3. All residents who expressed a desire to smoke will be assessed for smoking safety and a care plan developed to address smoking safety. A re-assessment will be completed when a resident exhibits a significant change in condition.
4. The facility's smoking policy and resident responsibilities will contain, but is not limited to the following information: (See attached example).

    -Facility designated smoking times.
    -Facility designated smoking areas.

    a. Smoking materials including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes, vape pens/devices, lighters and matches **CANNOT** be kept in the resident's room.
    b. All smoking materials in excess of the resident's imminent use will be maintained at the nurse's station in a secured area.
    c. Residents determined unsafe to smoke without supervision per the smoking assessment will not be permitted to smoke independent of supervision.
    d. All smoking materials will be returned to the nurse's station at the end of the smoking times.
    e. Smoking materials will be monitored and dispensed by nursing staff, during designated smoking times only to residents determined to need supervision, and will not be given to the resident personally.
    f. Smoking aprons will be provided by the facility and will be worn by those residents determined to require them by the interdisciplinary team.
5. The facility's smoking policy and resident responsibilities will be reviewed periodically by the Administrator and by the corporate entity to ensure corporate compliance.

6. A resident's particular preferences, problems, concerns, or behaviors pertaining to his/her smoking, will be addressed in the resident's interdisciplinary plan of care.
7. 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.
8. Smoking is limited to the designated smoking area only.
9. Smoked materials will be disposed of in the appropriate smoking post provide by the facility.
10. Non-compliance with this policy may result in a 30 day discharge notice from this facility.