

Monitoring of Residents Treatment and Therapies

POLICY:

It is The Cottages policy to provide nursing services per state regulation by a licensed nurse. A licensed nurse will assess and monitor residents' responses to medication and any other therapies being used at admission, quarterly and when a significant change of medical condition occurs.

PROCEDURES:

A change of condition can include, but may not be limited to the following:

- Appetite
 - ADL changes
 - Mobility
 - Transfers
 - Bladder/bowel function/status
 - Skin condition
 - Behavioral changes
 - Withdrawn from normal participation in daily activities
 - Increased in confusion.
 - An accident or incident that has adversely affected the resident's well being
1. All staff will notify the facility nurse and administrator, immediately by phone in all emergency health and mental changes.
 - a. Delegating nurse will notify the staff of changes in care to be made.
 - b. All staff will document in the daily log.
 2. All staff will notify the facility nurse and administrator by phone or in writing of a NON-emergency health or mental change.
 - a. Delegating nurse will notify the staff if any changes in care are to be made.
 - b. All staff will document in daily log.
 3. Call 911 if needed and follow emergency policy.
 4. Residents on Hospice:
 - a. Any change of condition of a resident is not treated any differently than residents that are not on hospice.
 - b. Report any significant change of condition that the nurse is notified you will also notify the hospice agency.
 - c. Staff are to take direction from the facility licensed nurse.