

**Social Work Conference Call
Meeting Summary
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Conference calls are regularly scheduled meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM. Call 1-888-482-3813 and enter the pass code of 3813 to join in!

Topics Discussed

- A facility is considering implementing a closed campus policy by which residents can not leave the facility unsupervised. We discussed issues of residents requiring assistance out of the facility but not being able to access help or residents who were not taking proper care of their medical conditions. Facility staff expressed concern regarding liability for these residents. Discussed option of implementing a waiver that a resident must sign before leaving the facility thereby assuming all responsibility while out of the facility. Advised that each resident who goes on an LOA, supervised or not, should have a care plan in place that the facility has provided necessary education regarding medical care, medications, etc. There are several f-tags that address the issue of the right to leave the facility such as Resident Rights, Self-Determination and Participation, Participation in Other Activities (both inside and outside the facility), Activities and Quality of Care in which the resident has the right to function at the highest practicable level.
- A facility has a number of residents who are choosing to not follow their diet restrictions or physician orders related to diet. A resident has the right to be non-compliant with their diet, even if it is not in their best interests. It is the responsibility of the facility to educate, on numerous and regular occasions, the resident regarding the consequences of their choices. All such interactions should be documented by the interdisciplinary team and care planned. A resident has the right to order food from outside the facility (i.e. takeout or delivery) but the food should be consumed or leftovers properly stored or discarded.
- A resident who happens to also be a chain smoker chooses to continue smoking despite her recent development of bronchitis. The physician has advised the resident to stop smoking. The resident has two daughters, one who wants her to stop and one who does not mind if mom continues to smoke. The daughter who wants her to stop is also the medical power of attorney but since the resident is still capable of making and communicating her own decisions, the power of attorney is NOT IN EFFECT. So, the daughter has no right to demand that the facility not allow the resident to smoke. However, if the resident is on oxygen, the facility does have the right to prohibit smoking – refer to F323 Accidents. One call participant shared that in her facility, they have designated smoking times and that anyone who is on oxygen, the tank is removed for the short duration in which the resident smokes.