Admission, Emergency

Policy Statement

Emergency admissions will be permitted should such measures be necessary to meet the immediate medical and nursing needs of the resident.

Policy Interpretation and Implementation

1. The Medical Director, Director of Nursing Services, and/or the Administrator may permit emergency admissions (including weekend admissions) when it has been deemed appropriate or necessary to meet the emergency medical/nursing needs of the resident.
2. A physician’s order for the immediate care and treatment of the resident must be provided to the facility prior to or upon admission of the resident to the facility.
3. Should orders for the immediate care and treatment of the resident not be available, the Medical Director or Emergency Care Physician may issue temporary orders until the resident’s Attending Physician can be contacted for issuance of orders for the care of the resident.
4. Complete admission data must be provided to the facility within forty-eight (48) hours of the resident’s admission. Failure to do so may result in immediate discharge of the resident.
5. Residents admitted under emergency conditions may be placed in isolation until complete medical reports relative to infectious diseases have been obtained.
6. Residents may not be admitted under emergency conditions until a behavior screening has been conducted to ensure the resident is not a danger to him/herself or to other residents/staff.
7. Residents who have a history of acute behavioral stays will be evaluated within 48 hours of admission for the appropriate care modality. Any referrals will be made as soon as feasible after admission.

References

| OBRA Regulatory Reference Numbers | F483.20(a); 483.20(m)(1)(i)-(ii)(B); 483.40(a)(1); 483.40(a)(2); 483.65(a); 483.65(b) |
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