

NEW ADMISSION DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIANA SKILLED NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

A new Indiana law imposes several written disclosure requirements that health facilities must provide to prospective residents. The new Indiana law also includes requirements to follow when developing and executing a resident care plan.

NEW WRITTEN DISCLOSURES TO PROSPECTIVE RESIDENTS

The new Indiana law requires that health facilities provide written disclosures on the following to each prospective resident:

1. Information concerning the Indiana Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.
2. Information on how to contact the Indiana Long-Term Care Ombudsman.
3. Information on how to contact the Indiana State Department of Health.
4. Any facility policy under which, regardless of whether the resident resides at the facility for the full month or for a partial month, the facility charges the resident the full monthly rate.

The Indiana Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program addresses issues regarding the care residents receive. Long-term care ombudsmen are assigned to specific regions of Indiana and act as a resource when residents or their family members have questions and concerns about their rights.

NEW CARE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

The new Indiana law also requires that, when developing and executing a care plan for a resident, the health facility coordinate and facilitate the inclusions of at least one individual, as requested and selected by the resident.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The new Indiana law becomes effective July 1, 2019.

PRACTICAL TAKEAWAYS

- All Indiana skilled nursing facilities and licensed assisted living facilities should review their admission agreements and supporting disclosure documents to meet these new requirements.
- All Indiana skilled nursing facilities and licensed assisted living facilities should review their care planning policies and procedures to meet these new requirements.

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