

Respond for Public Hearing - Licensing Assisted Living Residences(216-RICR-40-10-2) - Proposed Amendments

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In response to the Proposed Amendments submitted by the RIDOH for Assisted Living Residences under 216-RICR-40-10-2 I submit the following inquires:

2.4.4 Informal Dispute Resolution Process

Although I agree in content what the resolution is intended to accomplish I have the following questions:

- * who makes up the resolution team? How many members make up the team?
- * what are the qualifications of the team members?
- * explain the process, i.e. who gives testimony to the team? can the management of the community call witnesses or submit written testimony?
- * is there a neutral part of the team? If so, how is that neutral party selected?
- * Is there an appeal process? What is the process?
- * Can the licensee residence avail themselves of the services of an attorney to represent the interest of the community?

2.4.26 - Medication Services

Please define license nurse as it applies to the regulation.

2.4.34 - Variance Procedure

Questions:

* Does this apply to Limited Health provision or regular Assisted Living Regulation?

* Is the assisted living residence staff permitted to change the Foley catheters if dislodged or is a physician required to perform the procedure?

*Are residents housed in a Memory Care Unit permitted to have a Foley Catheter ? If so, doesn't this pose a health(infection control) and safety risk?

*If a Foley catheter dislodges on a shift when a license nurse is not in the building, does the resident have to be transported to the ER?

Submitted

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