POLICY

It is the policy of this facility that residents will be routinely monitored and evaluated by all staff members to determine the need for additional health services monitoring of chronic, unstable, or changes in condition. All incidents will be reported on an Incident Report. Results of additional monitoring will be routinely evaluated for appropriateness and effectiveness.

DEFINITIONS

Short term change of condition: A change in the residents’ health or functioning that is expected to resolve or be reversed with minimal intervention or is an established, predictable, cyclical pattern associated with a previously diagnosed condition.

Significant change of condition: A major deviation from the most recent evaluation that may affect multiple areas of functioning or health that is not expected to be short term and imposes significant risk to the resident.

Examples, but not limited to, Observations or Changes of Condition to be reported:

- Changes in behavior/mental health
- Cognitive &/or behavior changes
- Change in sleep pattern
- Pain
- Eating/appetite changes
- Change in ADL needs
- Fever
- Wounds/skin issues

- Emotional changes
- New medications
- Loss of a loved one
- Mobility changes
- Falls
- Change in hearing, vision or speech
- Bowel/bladder changes
- Vomiting/diarrhea
- Recent medical procedure

PROCEDURES

When the need for additional health services monitoring has been identified, the following will occur:
• If issue involves an injury, fall or other considerable change of condition, an Incident Report must be completed.
• Community staff will complete an Incident Report to reflect the newly observed change of condition.
  o If indicated, information from the Incident Report is to be immediately documented in the 24 Hour Communication Binder to make all staff aware of the condition.
• All Incident Reports are to be turned in to the community Licensed Nurse and/or Executive Director immediately for investigation and follow through.
• The community Licensed Nurse, RCC or Executive Director will review Incident Reports daily, and when appropriate, will update Service Plan Changes on the residents' service plan, and if indicated, update resident care task lists.
• The Executive Director, Licensed Nurse or RCC will indicate in the 24 Hour Communication Binder, to refer all to changes made on the service plan.
• All community staff will read and implement changes, and initial in the 24 Hour Communication Binder that they have read the changes.
• The facility Licensed Nurse will continue to chart on the Change of Condition until the resident issue is deemed to be resolved by the facility Licensed Nurse.

RELATED POLICIES/REFERENCES

24 Hour Resident Monitoring & Reporting

FORMS

Incident Report