

## YOUR RESIDENTS' RIGHTS

The Residents' Rights have been established by the Ohio Departments of Health (ODH), for ACF's to ensure that your rights as a resident are being acknowledged and met by all ACF's in the state of Ohio; and that they explained and available to you. The following text has been typed directly from division (B) of section 3722.12 of the Revised Code and paragraph © of chapter 3701-20-23 of the Administrative Code.

### 3722.12 (B) of the Revised Code

*(B) The rights of a resident of an adult care facility (ACF) include all of the following:*

1. The right to a safe, healthy, clean, and decent living environment;
2. The right to be treated at all times with courtesy and respect, and with full recognition of personal dignity and individuality;
3. The right to practice a religion of his or her choice or to abstain from practice of religion;
4. The right to manage personal financial affairs;
5. The rights to retain and use personal clothing;
6. The right to ownership and reasonable use of personal property so as to maintain personal dignity and individuality;
7. The right to participate in activities within the facility and to use the common areas of the facility;
8. The right to engage in or refrain engaging in activities of the resident's own choosing within reason;
9. The right to private and unrestricted communications, including the right to receive, send, and mailed sealed, unopened correspondence, and the right to private visits at any reasonable hour;
10. The right to initiate and maintain contact with the community, including the right to participate in the activities of community groups at the resident's initiative or at the initiative of community groups;
11. The right to state grievances to the owner or the manager of the facility, to any governmental agency, or to any other person without reprisal;
12. Prior to becoming a resident, the right to visit the facility alone or with the individual's sponsor;
13. The right to retain services of any health or social services practitioner at the resident's own expense;

14. The right to refuse medical treatment or services, or if the resident has been adjudicated incompetent pursuant to Chapter 2111. of the Revised Code and has not been restored to legal capacity, the right to have the resident's legal guardian make decisions about medical treatment and services for the resident;
15. The right to be free from abuse, neglect, or exploitation;
16. The right to be free from physical restraints;
17. The right not to be deprived of any legal rights solely by reason of residence in an ACF;
18. The right to examine records maintained by the ACF concerning the resident, upon request;
19. The right to confidential treatment of the resident's personal records, and the right to approve or refuse the release of those records to any individual outside the facility, except upon transfer to another ACF or nursing home, residential care facility, home for aging, hospital, or other health care facility or provider, except as required by law or required by third-party payment contract;
20. The right to be informed in writing of the rates changes by the facility as well as any additional charges, and to receive thirty day notice in writing of any change in the rates and charges;
21. The right to have any significant change in the resident's physical health or behavioral status reported to the resident's case manager and sponsor; and
22. The right to share a room with a spouse, if both are residents of the facility.

3701-20-23 © of the Administrative Code

1. The right not to be locked out of the facility. if the facility is locked during any portion of the day, each resident shall be provided with a key or a staff member shall be immediately available on the premises to open a door;
2. The right not to be locked in the facility at any time for any reason. All lockable doors shall be capable of being opened by residents from inside without using a key; and
3. The right not to be isolated or to have food or other services withheld for punishment, incentive, convenience, or due to the ACF manager or staff member exceeding instructions contained in a mental health plan for care.