

LONG TERM CARE COMMUNITY COALITION

Advancing Quality, Dignity & Justice

FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

WHEN IS THE NEXT MEETING?

Date:

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Time:

_____AM/PM.

Location:

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WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

Family councils play an important role in improving quality of care and quality of life in nursing homes. Family councils offer participants a safe space to share concerns, seek support from one another, and exchange information about residents' rights and protections. Your participation gives our family council a unified voice in addressing the needs of residents.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

Under federal law, every nursing home must protect and promote the right of a resident's family or representative "to meet in the facility with the families of other residents"

This means:

- The facility must provide our family council a private meeting space and notify families and residents of upcoming meetings in a timely manner;
- The facility must designate, with our approval, a staff member to assist our council and respond to requests;
- The facility must promptly respond to our concerns, grievances, and recommendations; and
- Guests (including staff or other non-residents) are only allowed to attend our meetings if invited.

Please use the back of this notice to note concerns you would like to raise at our next meeting. You can bring it with you to the meeting or, if you are unable to attend, have another family member, resident, invited guest, or designated staff member bring it to the meeting.

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| DATE: | NAME (OPTIONAL): |
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I would like to raise the following concerns at the family council meeting:

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**ADDITIONAL
RESOURCES**

Visit www.nursinghome411.com for free resources on residents' rights and tools that you can use to support your resident-centered advocacy.