**RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE**

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**WHEN IS THE NEXT MEETING?**

Time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_AM/PM.

Location:

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Resident councils play an important role in improving quality of care and quality of life in nursing homes. Resident councils offer residents a safe space to share concerns, seek support from one another, and exchange information about residents’ rights and protections. Ultimately, resident councils provide residents with an opportunity to have a unified voice in shaping their nursing home.

**WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?**

Under federal law, every nursing home must protect and promote the right of residents to “organize and participate in resident groups.”

**WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?**

This means:

* Our facility must provide the resident council a private meeting space and notify residents of upcoming meetings in a timely manner;
* Our facility must designate, with our approval, a staff member to assist our council and respond to requests;
* Our 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.

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| **DATE:** | **NAME (OPTIONAL):** |

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**I would like to raise the following concerns at the resident council meeting:**

Visit [www.nursinghome411.com](http://www.nursinghome411.com) for free resources on residents’ rights and tools that you can use to support your resident-centered advocacy.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**