

LONG TERM CARE COMMUNITY COALITION

Advancing Quality, Dignity & Justice

RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

WHEN IS THE NEXT MEETING?

Date:

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Time:

_____AM/PM.

Location:

_____.

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

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.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

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

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.

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 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 resident council meeting:

**ADDITIONAL
RESOURCES**

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