

HOMELIKE ENVIRONMENT

POLICY:

It is the right of each to be treated with respect and dignity, including:

The right to retain and use personal possessions, including furnishings, and clothing, as space permits, unless to do so would infringe upon the rights or health and safety of other residents.

The resident has a right to a safe, clean, comfortable and homelike environment, including but not limited to receiving treatment and supports for daily living safely.

PROCEDURE:

1. This facility will provide-- A safe, clean, comfortable, and homelike **environment**, allowing the resident to use his or her personal belongings to the extent possible.
2. "**Environment**" refers to any environment in the facility that is frequented by residents, including (but not limited to) the residents' rooms, bathrooms, hallways, dining areas, lobby, outdoor patios, therapy areas and activity areas.
3. A determination of "**homelike**" includes the resident's opinion of the living environment.
4. A "**homelike environment**" is one that de-emphasizes the institutional character of the setting, to the extent possible, and allows the resident to use those personal belongings that support a homelike environment.
5. A **personalized, homelike environment** recognizes the individuality and autonomy of the resident, provides an opportunity for self- expression, and encourages links with the past and family members.
6. A "**homelike**" or **homey environment** is not achieved simply through enhancements to the physical environment. It includes striving for person-centered care that emphasizes individualization, relationships and a psychosocial environment that welcomes each resident and makes her/him comfortable.
7. The facility ensures that the resident can receive care and services safely and that the physical layout of the facility maximizes resident independence and does not pose a safety risk.
8. The facility exercises reasonable care for the protection of the resident's property from loss or theft.