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Code Number 46

KOZY KOVE ALF	SECTION: ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY
	SUBJECT: IN-PERSON VISITATION

POLICY: At times there may be circumstances which restrict resident visitation, such as pandemic flu or presence of infectious diseases that may require isolation. Florida Statute.

408.823, the "No Patient Left Alone Act" requires Kozy Kove Assisted Living to implement policy that allows a resident to have in- person visits by an Essential Caregivers in all of the following circumstances, unless the resident, client, or patient objects.

1. End- of life situation
2. A resident, client, or patient who was living with family before being admitted to the provider's care is struggling with the change in environment and lack of in- person family support.
3. The resident, client, or patient is making one or more major medical decision.
4. A resident, client, or patient is experiencing emotional distress or grieving the loss of a friend or family who recently died.
5. A resident, client, or patient needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink which was previously provided by a family member or caregiver.
6. A resident, client, or patient who used to talk and interact with others is seldom speaking.

Kozy Kove Assisted Living requires the following procedures to comply with the statute.

PROCEDURES: Before in- person visitation, all essential caregivers must adhere to the following procedures:

1. Sign in upon entering the facility and before interacting with any staff, resident, family members, or friends.
2. Comply with the infection control and education policies for visitor infection Control policies may require a visitor to wear Personal Protection face mask and other necessary PPE and perform hand hygiene. Staff will provide directions on the proper use of PPE.

3. The visitor shall sign the policy acknowledging an understanding of visitation policy. Failure of visitors to adhere to the policy shall result in suspension of in – person visitation.
4. Submit to a screening which may include temperatures and/or a questionnaire about health status. Visitors are NOT required to submit proof vaccination or immunization.
5. Visitation hours will be 9 am – 9 pm as per FS 429.28 (1) (d). Any visitation outside of those hours will be considered upon request to the Administrator. During these hours, in – person visitation by the essential caregiver is allowed for at least 2 hours daily in addition to any other visitation authorized by the provider.
6. While minimizing physical contact and social distancing may be encouraged to limit exposure, consensual physical contact between a resident, client, or patient and the visitor is NOT prohibited.
7. A resident, client, or patient may designate at least two visitors, who is a family member, friend, guardian, or other individual as an essential caregiver. Additional visitors may be allowed upon request and approval of the administrator.

Kozy Kove Assisted Living takes our commitment to the wellbeing of our residents seriously, and this includes a resident's right to visit with their family.

Please be aware that coming into the facility for visitation means that you are aware of the risks associated with visiting a facility and assume all responsibility for your health and wellbeing and that of the resident. You are agreeing to abide and follow the visitation policy that we have put into place.