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OBJECTIVE

To ensure Elders have access to designated caregivers of their choice, in keeping with the Lambton County Homes Mission, Vision and Core Values.

To ensure Elders can express their right to ongoing and safe support from their caregivers for their well-being and quality of life.

To maintain the safety and security of Elders and staff by ensuring only people approved and qualified to provide personal care, do so in the Home.

PROCEDURE

1. Caregivers are a type of essential visitor. They are designated in writing by the Elder and/or Substitute Decision Maker, with authority to give that designation. They are a family member, friend, or person of importance to an Elder.
2. A caregiver's role is to provide direct care and support to the Elder as outlined in the definition.
3. Elders have unlimited access to designated caregivers. There are no specific visiting hours in the Home.
4. Limits to the number of caregivers may be required, based on outbreak status and guidelines provided by the Ministry of Long-Term Care.
5. For security reasons, doors will be locked in the evening and night hours. During this time visitors can contact staff to access the building.
6. Caregivers are encouraged to respect the privacy of other Elders.
7. All changes to the designation of a caregiver, must be requested in writing and approved by the Administrator or designate.
8. Caregivers must complete all required training as assigned. Nonadherence to this requirement may result in changes to caregiver status.
9. Caregivers are subject to guidelines provided by the Ministry of Long-Term Care
10. Caregivers must be 16 years of age or older.

Definition of Caregiver

A caregiver is a type of essential visitor who is designated by the Elder and/or their Substitute Decision Maker and is visiting to provide direct care to the Elder (e.g., supporting nourishment, mobility, personal hygiene, cognitive stimulation, communication, meaningful connection, spiritual support, relational continuity, and assistance in decision making).

Addendum: 1-8-15-2-1 Caregiver Form