

RCFES & HOME HEALTH CARE

Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) and Home Health Care agencies must meet certain requirements when working together. This document outlines these requirements so that employees of both RCFEs and Home Health agencies have full understanding of what each organization is responsible for.

	RCFE	HOME HEALTH	BOTH
WRITTEN AGREEMENT	—	—	<p>RCFE and home health agencies must produce a signed agreement, to be kept in the resident's file, defining each organizations' roles and responsibilities, including (Section 87609(b)(4)-(b)(4)(C)):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services, frequency and duration of care • Day and evening contact information for the home health agency • Method of communication between the home health agency and the RCFE (verbal contact, email, logbook, etc.)
COMMUNICATIONS	<p>RCFEs must inform the home health agency of any duties community employees are prohibited from performing per Title 22, and any regulations that address the resident's specific condition(s) (Section 87609(b)(3)).</p>	<p>Home health agencies must exchange information with the RCFE regarding a resident as necessary. They have established a fellowship as providers of care and are not violating HIPAA (Congressional Federal Register, Title 45 Section 164.501).</p>	<p>Regular communication about what is occurring with the resident's care between all parties is required and vital for ensuring needed support is provided to the resident and restricted or prohibited conditions are respected and exceptions obtained in a timely manner (HSC 1569.725(a)(3) and (4)).</p>
BACKGROUND CHECKS:	<p>The RCFE must receive a copy of the aides' certification prior to providing care and maintain a copy of it while care is being provided (HSC 1569.17(b)(1)(C) and (b)(2)(F)).</p>	<p>Employees of licensed home health agencies are fingerprinted and background checked through the Department of Public Health and are not required to go through the DSS process (HSC 1569.17(b)(2)(F)).</p>	—

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COLLABORATION IN CARE:	RCFEs should ensure home health providers understand policies regarding visitors.	Home health providers should <i>sign-in</i> as requested at the front desk to ensure that RCFE staff know who is present in their community.	_____
	RCFEs are <i>responsible for providing supporting care and supervision</i> to meet the needs of the resident receiving home health care (Section 87609(b)(2)).	Home health agencies must keep RCFEs informed of the resident's care plan, changes in condition, and any special needs. (Section 87463(c)).	RCFEs and home health agencies must <i>collaborate on resident reappraisals</i> and when there is a change in condition (Section 87463(c)).
	Unlicensed RCFE staff <i>cannot administer a resident's medication</i> but can assist with self-administration (Section 87465(a)(5), (6)).	_____	_____
RESTRICTED & PROHIBITED CONDITIONS:	Certain conditions are restricted in RCFEs* unless the resident can self-manage the condition or care is provided by an appropriately skilled professional.	Agencies should check with the RCFE if a prospective resident has one or more restricted conditions* to ensure they can meet that person's needs, <i>which may require training by the home health agency</i> (Section 87612).	
	RCFEs are <i>prohibited from accepting or retaining</i> residents with certain conditions** unless they have an exception from CCLD or a hospice waiver if the resident is receiving hospice services (Section (87615)).	_____	
	No resident may <i>be accepted or retained</i> if they (Section 87455(c)): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have active communicable tuberculosis • Have an ongoing behavior, caused by a mental disorder, that would upset the general resident group • Require 24-hour skilled nursing or intermediate care 	_____	

*Restricted conditions: Administration of oxygen 87618; Catheter care 87623; Colostomy/ileostomy 87621; Contractures 87626; Diabetes 87628; Enemas, suppositories, and/or fecal impaction removal 87622; Incontinence of bowel and/or bladder 87625; Injections 87629; Intermittent Positive Pressure Breathing Machine 87619; Stage 1 & 2 pressure injuries 87631(a)(3); Wound care 87631

**Prohibited conditions: Dependence on others to perform all ADLs for them as stated in Section 87459, Functional Capabilities; Gastronomy care; Naso-gastric tubes; Stage 3 and 4 pressure injuries; Staph infection or other serious infection; Tracheotomies