

449.74463 Finances of patient: Authorization to withhold money

1.

A facility for skilled nursing shall not withhold from money held by the facility on behalf of a patient any amount for: (a) Services related to the maintenance of the patient's room or bed; (b) Supplies and services for routine personal hygiene that are required by the patient, including, without limitation: (1) Shampoo, a comb and a brush; (2) Bath soap, disinfecting soap or specialized cleansing agents required to treat the medical condition of the patient or to treat infection; (3) A razor and shaving cream; (4) A toothbrush, toothpaste, denture adhesive, dental cleaner and dental floss; (5) Moisturizing lotion; (6) Tissues, cotton balls and cotton swabs; (7) Deodorant; (8) Supplies and services for incontinence; (9) Sanitary napkins and related supplies; (10) Towels and washcloths; (11) Hospital gowns; (12) Nonprescription drugs; (13) Supplies and services for the patient's nails; and (14) Supplies and services for the patient's laundry; and (c) Medically-related social services required by NAC 449.74523.

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2.

Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a facility for skilled nursing may withhold from money held by the facility on behalf of a patient amounts for the following items and services: (a) A telephone; (b) A television and radio for the patient's personal use; (c) Personal comfort items, including, without limitation, smoking materials, notions, novelties and confections; (d) Cosmetic and grooming items and services that are not required for routine personal hygiene; (e) Clothing; (f) Reading material; (g) Gifts purchased on behalf of the patient; (h) Flowers and plants; (i) Items for social events and entertainment that are in addition to the program of activities required by NAC 449.74495; (j) Special services required for the care of the patient, including, without limitation, the services of a private nurse or aide; (k) A private room, unless a private room is required because of the medical condition of the patient; and (l) Food that is specially prepared for the patient or requested in lieu of food that is regularly prepared by the facility as

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3.

A facility for skilled nursing shall not: (a) Charge a patient any amount for an item or service that has not been requested by the patient. (b) Require a patient or his or her representative to request an item or service as a condition of the patient being admitted to or remaining in the facility.

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4.

If an item or service is requested by a patient or his or her representative for which there will be a charge, a facility for skilled nursing shall inform the patient or representative of the amount of the charge.