

## **449.74499 Participation in activities**

### **1.**

A facility for skilled nursing shall not prohibit a patient in the facility from: (a) Participating in activities and maintaining a schedule that are consistent with the patient's interests, assessments and plan of care; (b) Making choices relating to the patient's health care that are consistent with his or her plan of care; (c) Interacting with persons inside and outside of the facility; (d) Participating in social, religious and community activities that do not interfere with other patients in the facility; and (e) Making such other choices relating to his or her activities within the facility that are of significance to the patient.

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**2.**

A patient in a facility for skilled nursing may organize and participate in groups formed to interact with other patients in the facility and with the members of their families. A facility for skilled nursing shall provide a private area within the facility in which the members of such a group may meet.

**3.**

A member of the staff of the facility or a visitor to the facility may attend a meeting of such a group if granted permission to do so by the members of the group.

**4.**

A facility for skilled nursing shall designate a member of its staff to provide assistance for and respond to the requests of such a group.

**5.**

The administrator of a facility for skilled nursing shall ensure that any grievances or recommendations submitted by the members of such a group relating to the operation of the facility are given consideration and acted upon appropriately.