

411-088-0030 Considerations Required Prior to Involuntary Transfer

Prior to issuing a notice for an involuntary transfer, in order to determine the appropriateness of transfer, the facility shall consider the following:

(1)

The availability of alternatives to transfer.

(2)

The resident's ties to family and community.

(3)

The relationships the resident has developed with other residents and facility staff.

(4)

The duration of the resident's stay at the facility.

(5)

The medical needs of the resident and the availability of medical services.

(6)

The age of the resident and degree of physical and cognitive impairment.

(7)

The availability of a receiving facility that would accept the resident and provide service consistent with the resident's need for care.

(8)

The consistency of the receiving facility's services with the activities and routine

with which the resident is familiar, and the receiving facility's ability to provide the resident with similar access to personal items significant to the resident and enjoyed by the resident at the transferring facility.

(9)

The probability that the transfer would result in improved or worsened mental, physical, or social functioning, or in reduced dependency of the resident.

(10)

The type and amount of preparation for the move, including but not limited to: (a) Solicitation of the resident's friends and/or family in preparing the resident for the move;(b) Visitation by the resident to (prior to actual transfer) or familiarity of the resident with the place to which the resident is to be transferred.

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(11)

On-site consultation by an individual with specific expertise in mental health services if the basis for considering transfer is behavioral, e.g., gero-psychiatric consultation.