## **Required Notices for SNF Transfer & Discharge (Ohio)** Resident-Initiated Resident-Initiated Transfer to an Resident-Initiated Facility-Initiated Discharge to Home or Discharge Against **Acute Care Facility** Therapeutic Leave<sup>1</sup> Discharge<sup>3</sup> Other Location **Medical Advice** (Hospital)2 Notice Required: Notice Required: · Bed Hold Notice · Transfer Notice To representative and To resident and representative at time of transfer No notice resident at time of leave or as soon as practicable required Email copy to Ombudsman within 30 days<sup>4</sup> Email copy to ODH at time of transfer<sup>5</sup> · Bed Hold Notice • To resident and representative at time of transfer. or, in cases of emergency, within 24 hours Definitions: • Transfer: The movement of a resident from a bed in one certified facility to a bed in another certified facility when the resident expects to return to the original facility (e.g., hospitalization). **Discharge**: The movement of a resident from a bed in one certified facility to a bed in another certified facility or other location in the community, when return to the original Resident facility is not expected (e.g., discharge to home or another NF). returns to elects not Facility-initiated transfer or discharge: A transfer or discharge to which the resident facility or requests to readmit objects, did not originate through a resident's verbal or wrriten request, and/or is not in to be discharged to resident from alignment with the resident's stated goals for care and preferences. other location or home hospital Resident-initiated transfer or discharge: The resident or, if appropriate, the resident representative has provided verbal or written notice of intent to leave the facility (Note: Does not include the general expression of a desire to return home or the elopement of residents with cognitive impairment). Discharge Notice Required: 1. This is not considered a transfer, unless the resident is going to a certified facility. To resident with copy to representative via certified mail • Email copy to Ombudsman<sup>4</sup> and to ODH legal at time it is issued<sup>5</sup> 2. Nearly all hospital transfers, even if planned, will be considered "facility- initiated." No notice 3. The term "involuntary" is no longer applicable. If the facility initiates or recommends required discharge due to change in care needs, it is considered a facility-initiated discharge, even Less than 30 days' notice may be given if an emergency exists

- if the resident/family does not object.
- 4. Any email notice to the Ombudsman should be sent to OhioOmbudsman@age.ohio.gov.
- Any email notice to ODH should be sent to TransferDischargeNotices@odh.ohio.gov.



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or urgent medical need

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30 days' notice in all other instances and must readmit pending