

Housing Arrangements for Families of Federally Funded Healthcare Patients
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Responsible to: President/CEO

PURPOSE:

To supply specific guidelines on arrangements for housing of families/significant others of patients covered by federally funded healthcare plans (Medicare/Medicaid).

POLICY:

It is the policy of Shepherd Center to offer new rehabilitation patients, as part of the overall rehabilitation process, a specific amount of time for housing at no cost to the family/significant other. In an effort to offer no possible inducement to the patient or family/significant other of federally funded healthcare programs, special procedures will be in place.

PROCEDURE

1. Upon notification of a request for referral from hospital, Clinical Evaluators should ascertain if the patient will be part of a federally funded healthcare program (Medicare/Medicaid).
2. If patient is in fact a part of a federally funded program, the clinical evaluator can only discuss the various housing options and must not discuss the specifics of the no cost housing.
3. Once the patient/family has decided upon Shepherd, the patient should verbally inform an appropriate employee of the referral source, such as the case manager.
4. After the patient has informed the referral source, the clinical evaluator may then discuss the specifics of no cost housing options.
5. There should be no written (marketing) or verbal information with specifics of housing given to any patient or family /significant other in a federally funded healthcare program until a firm decision has been made. This should be relayed to appropriate personnel of the referring institution prior to any discussion or dissemination of materials pertaining to no cost housing.