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| **Readmitting Residents Safely during a Pandemic**  | **Subject: Pandemic Plan**  |
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| **Effective:**  | **Revised:**  |

**POLICY**: During a pandemic, the facility will readmit hospitalized residents safely in accordance with Federal and NYS Bed Reservation Guidance NYS code 415.3 and CMS code 483.15(d).

as well as all State and Federal Infection prevention and control regulations.

**PROCEDURE**:

1. The facility, in accordance with New York State Regulations, will reserve a bed for a resident who had been transferred to the hospital, providing the conditions below are met:
* The facility will be able to provide the care for the resident at the time of readmission. This includes clinical treatment and/or management of infectious diseases as well as provision of appropriate transmission-based precautions.
* The facility has the ability to group residents into appropriate cohorts.
* The facility has an available bed in an area that can provide for residents recovering from an infectious disease.
1. Prior to readmission, the Director of Nursing/Designee will review hospital records to determine individual resident care needs. If needed a call will be placed to transferring hospital to clarify any clinical needs and/or concerns.
2. Prior to readmission, Unit Charge nurse will be informed of readmission and any specific isolation and cohorting needs of the resident.
3. For any transfers across care transitions, the RNS will document Infection status on transfer form and notify ambulance/EMT as needed.
4. If the facility cannot care for the resident based on needs, the Administrator/designee will contact the NYSDOH for guidance and inform hospital and resident representative of status.

\*All Medicare or Medicaid nursing home eligible residents on leave due to hospitalization, and requiring skilled nursing facility services, will be given priority readmission for the next available bed in a semi-private room. If the facility determines that a resident who has transferred with an expectation of returning to the facility, cannot return, the appropriate discharge procedures will be followed.