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## **LOCKABLE STORAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTS**

### **OAR 411-085-0310 (18)**

The facility must protect, encourage, and assist the resident in exercising the rights identified in OAR 411-085-0300 – OAR 411-085-0350. Each resident and the resident's legal representative, as appropriate, have the right to: Keep and use personal clothing and possessions as space permits unless to do so infringes on other residents' rights. The resident must be permitted to have a lockable storage space for personal property. Both the resident and facility management may have keys. ORS 410.70 and 411.055.

411-087-0130 Resident Care Unit 411-087-0130(1)(d) Each resident care unit shall provide the following:

(1) Resident Rooms. Each resident room shall meet the following requirements:

Lockable Storage: Each resident shall be provided with a lockable closet or drawer with a minimum of 0.5 cubic feet. The lockable storage space may be included within the closet space defined in subsection (1)(c) of this rule.

Additional rules for review and consideration 411-085-0310(2), 411-085-0350 and 411-0060(2)(c):

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### **411-085-0310 Residents' Rights: Generally**

The facility must protect, encourage, and assist the resident in exercising the rights identified in OAR 411-085-0300 – OAR 411-085-0350. Each resident and the resident's legal representative,

(2) Be fully informed, orally and in writing, in a language the resident understands of these rights, and of all facility guidelines for resident conduct and responsibilities. This must be documented by the resident's written acknowledgment, before or at the time of admission.

### **411-085-0350 Residents' Rights: Personal Funds**

(1) RESIDENT HELD FUNDS. The resident has the right to manage his or her financial affairs and the facility may not require residents to deposit personal funds with the facility.

(2) FACILITY HELD FUNDS.

(a) Resident Request. The facility must hold, safeguard, manage, and account for the personal funds of the resident when requested in writing. The resident must be fully informed of the facility's system for protecting personal funds.

When the resident requests the facility hold such funds, the facility must ensure the request is in writing;

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## **411-086-0060 Comprehensive Assessment and Care Plan**

(2) Care Plan Preparation and Implementation. The facility, through the nursing services department and the interdisciplinary staff, shall provide services to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental and psychosocial well-being of each resident in accordance with a written, dated, care plan:

(c) The plan shall provide for and promote personal choice and independence of the resident;

There are rules pertaining to facility Administration, the Director of Nursing and social services, which are an integral part of the plan for providing lockable storage for residents. We have received an increased volume of complaint report investigations regarding theft in circumstances where residents are not offered lockable storage accommodations that the resident was easily able to access. For example, a resident was in a wheel chair and the locking storage provided for the resident was on a top shelf in a closet where the resident was unable to reach the shelf. In another circumstance, a resident was unable to operate the tiny key provided to lock and unlock the storage drawer. The storage drawer could be lifted out making valuables accessible to anyone in the resident's room.

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With my message today, I would like to remind you that residents **have the right to keep valuables securely stored in their room.** Residents should not be forced to use a facility safe to secure possessions unless they choose to do so; and they should be provided lockable storage that is user friendly to their specific need. Please share ideas with your colleagues that you have found useful in providing lockable storage for your residents. Together we can work toward reducing and preventing loss of valuables for nursing facility residents.