

4655.6600 USE OF RESTRAINTS TO MANAGE DIFFICULT BEHAVIOR.

Disturbed mental patients shall not be received or retained in a nursing home or boarding care home. If a patient or resident becomes suddenly disturbed or difficult behavior creates a problem of management, the person in charge of the home shall take temporary, emergency measures to protect such person and other persons in the home and the physician shall be called immediately. If a restraint is needed, this may be applied only upon the physician's written order. A restraint is any device which restricts the patient's normal movements. In instituting such temporary protective measures, a special attendant shall be placed on duty on the floor or in the section of the building in which such patient or resident is restrained. No form of restraint may be used or applied in such manner as to cause injury to the patient or resident. No locked restraints may be used. No door to a patient's or resident's room may be locked in a manner which will not permit immediate opening in case of emergency. A full record of the use of restraints or seclusion shall be maintained in the patient's or resident's medical record. If the patient or resident does not respond to the treatment prescribed within a period of two days, the person shall be transferred to suitable facilities.

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