



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3721.072 Biennial participation in quality improvement projects.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Advance care planning" means providing an opportunity to discuss the goals that may be met through the care provided by a nursing home.

(2) "Overhead paging" means sending audible announcements through an electronic sound amplification and distribution system throughout part or all of a nursing home to staff, residents, residents' families, or others.

(B) Each nursing home shall participate every two years in at least one quality improvement project, and in doing so, shall prioritize projects to assist with workforce, such as employee satisfaction surveys, enhanced recruitment methods, or workplace culture improvements. A nursing home may consider projects included on the list made available by the department of aging under the nursing home quality initiative established under section 173.60 of the Revised Code.

(C) Beginning July 1, 2015, each nursing home shall participate in advance care planning with each resident or the resident's sponsor if the resident is unable to participate. For each resident, the advance care planning shall be provided on admission to the nursing home or, in the case of an individual residing in a nursing home on July 1, 2015, as soon as practicable. Thereafter, for each resident, the advance care planning shall be provided quarterly each year.

(D) Beginning July 1, 2015, each nursing home shall prohibit the use of overhead paging within the nursing home, except that the nursing home may permit the use of overhead paging for matters of urgent public safety or urgent clinical operations. The nursing home shall develop a written policy regarding its use of overhead paging and make the policy available to staff, residents, and residents' families.



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