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All residents are supported in their desire to have spiritual care visits from a clergy or member of their own faith community.

POLICY ELEMENTS

1. GUIDELINES FOR CLERGY VISITS

- 1.1 Community clergy are required to seek assistance of the caregivers for *any* physical needs of a resident.
- 1.2 If a resident requests a caregiver to be called, the community clergy is required to fulfill that request immediately.
- 1.3. If a need arises in the visit, of which caregivers, physician or family should be advised, the community clergy is requested to pass that information to the caregiver or the Spiritual Care Coordinator for follow up.
- 1.4. Visits to residents will not be for the sake of proselytizing.
- 1.5. Visits will be made only to the resident(s) of the community clergy's own faith community.
- 1.6. Religious literature may only be distributed to the resident(s) of the community clergy's own faith group.
- 1.7. Any information about the resident/family being visited or any other resident/family in the facility is to be considered confidential.
- 1.8. Visits of all community clergy and lay spiritual care workers will be monitored by the Spiritual Care Coordinator.

CROSS REFERENCES

Policy # 0305 – Proselytizing (Spreading of Religion)

Policy # 0701 – Spiritual Care Statement of Purpose and Services



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Procedure

1. As part of the Spiritual Assessment, the Spiritual Care Coordinator or chaplain will inquire of the resident and/or family whether there is a religious affiliation and a community clergy member to be notified.

The Spiritual Care Coordinator or chaplain will follow up on this information by: encouraging family members to make contact with the clergy of their choice, or, if preferred, doing this on the resident's behalf.
2. A list of the most common faith communities will be maintained by the Spiritual Care Coordinator and kept at the Nursing Station. In the *rare instance* that an Agapé Spiritual Care Coordinator cannot be reached, an Agapé employee is to call the clergy/church of an appropriate faith for a resident, and then inform our Spiritual Care Coordinators that such a call has been made, as well as the response to that call.
3. Community clergy and lay visitors are requested to sign in at the Nursing Station, that Agapé is aware of their presence, and that they can be informed of the resident's desire/ability to receive a visitor. A pamphlet outlining our Spiritual Care program and the guidelines for visiting is provided for them at the top of the stairs on the second floor.
4. Community clergy and lay visitors may visit freely, but number and length of visits is to be governed by the energy level of resident and spiritual wishes of resident and/or family members. In the best interests of resident/family members, the Spiritual Care Coordinator or chaplain may ask visitors to limit number or length of visits.