


Title:	Support Persons for Eligible Patients		 <p>cascade HEALTH</p> <hr/> POLICIES & PROCEDURES
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PURPOSE:

To comply with the requirements of 2020 Special Session 1 Oregon Laws, Chapter 20, also known as SB 1606.

DEFINITION

Eligible patients: Patients who require assistance to effectively communicate, make health care decisions, understand health care information, or engage in activities of daily living due to a disability.

POLICY:

The Pete Moore Hospice House will comply with the requirements outlined in 2020 Special Session 1 Oregon Laws, Chapter 20 (amending ORS 127.635). The management, employees, or any other representative of Cascade Health and the Pete Moore Hospice House will ensure eligible patients are informed upon admission or at the time services are scheduled of their right to designate up to three support persons.

At least one support person may be present at all times with the patient during the patient stay to facilitate the patient's care including but not limited to the discussions and decisions regarding the patient's health conditions and status, medical care plan and interventions, or to assist the patient with daily needs. Pete Moore Hospice House management, employees, or representatives will ensure a support person is present during specific discussions about life-sustaining treatments as outlined in the policy PMHH PC-04 Advanced Directives.

PROCEDURE:

During pre-admission visits or while being admitted into Hospice or directly into the Pete Moore Hospice House, patients and their representatives are informed verbally and in writing in the Hospice House Guidelines of the patient's right to support persons. The Pete Moore Hospice House employee or hospital liaison, or Hospice clinician will collect the names and contact information of the support persons designated and enter them into the medical record.

Persons who are designated as support persons will be given an identifier badge. The patient and support persons will be notified of Pete Moore Hospice House requirements of visitors, including support persons, to comply with established rules or guidelines. Regardless of support person designation, if any visitor's behavior is considered to be disruptive or has the potential to harm the safety of the patients, other visitors, and staff, Pete Moore Hospice House reserves the right to require that person to leave not only the facility premises but the surrounding property.

If a patient decides that they wish to remove a person from their list of designated support persons and communicates this to the staff of Pete Moore Hospice House, that individual's name will be removed from the electronic medical record and all details will be documented in the electronic medical record. The nurse or the social worker will communicate this change to the individual and request the individual return the support person identifier.