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1. 2800.101 Please reconsider the kitchen stove top area for AL residents. It appears you all have the personal care resident and the assisted living resident criss-crossed. Most of the AL have Alzheimer's or some other Dementia. They are here because they were leaving the stove, etc. on. They were using their microwaves for a washing machine. They leave the water running. They put their clothing on backwards. How will they react when they decide they wish to cook something. We all serve 3 nutritious meals per day and snacks. They are not usually hungry. Families do not wish them to cook. The kitchenette is great without the stove top. The other is a safety issue.

Personal Care Home residents usually have their mental faculties but once again they eat well and do not wish to cook either. We have a small kitchenette in our activities area. Those who wish to share a recipe in a supervised setting during those times. Staff is not going to be able to stop and help an Alzheimer's person cook. What happens to the other residents at that time? Please rethink this safety issue.

2.2800.25 I like the idea of a 14 day notice if a resident wishes to leave the facility. Thirty days is too long for an older person to wait if they do not like the place.

3. 2800.27 Comment Only - some families lie on their application and say the resident has enough money to meet ones rules before they are subsidized. All of a sudden a month or two later the resident has no money and must go on SSI. Now our budget is out of whack. It takes more than SSI recipients to keep up a more upscale home.

We have no defense because we cannot ask a person to leave due to being on SSI. I have had that happen more than once. We kept one lady six years because the husband placed her, abandoned her and took all the money. The family was also apart of it. What recourse does a home have. It was not the residents fault. But these things happen all the time.

4. Bed Rails - 2800.203 The bed rail reg. appears to have changed. Half rails were permitted before and it looks like they are permitted again but without the 15 min checks and documentation. Please clarify if the 15 min checks have been waived. It does not state that and every inspector interprets differently to date.

Thank you for your consideration.

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