

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1877

By: West (Tammy) and Baker of  
the House

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4 Coleman of the Senate  
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8 An Act relating to assisted living centers; amending  
9 Section 1, Chapter 311, O.S.L. 2019 (63 O.S. Supp.  
10 2020, Section 1-881), which relates to prescribing  
11 antipsychotic drugs to long-term care facility  
12 residents; modifying definition; amending 63 O.S.  
13 2011, Section 1-890.8, as amended by Section 1,  
14 Chapter 248, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section  
1-890.8), which relates to the plan of accommodation  
for certain disabled residents; modifying criteria  
for prescription of antipsychotic drugs for  
residents; requiring assessments and monitoring;  
listing requirements; requiring documentation; and  
providing an effective date.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 311, O.S.L.  
19 2019 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1-881), is amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 Section 1-881. A. As used in this section:

22 1. "Antipsychotic drug" means a drug, sometimes called a major  
23 tranquilizer, used to treat symptoms of severe psychiatric  
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1 disorders, including, but not limited to, schizophrenia and bipolar  
2 disorder;

3 2. "Long-term care facility" means:

4 a. a nursing facility as defined by Section 1-1902 of  
5 ~~Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title,

6 b. the nursing facility component of a continuum of care  
7 facility as defined under the Continuum of Care and  
8 Assisted Living Act, or

9 c. the nursing care component of a life care community as  
10 defined by the Long-term Care Insurance Act;

11 3. "Resident" means a resident as defined by Section 1-1902 of  
12 ~~Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title;

13 4. "Representative of a resident" means a representative of a  
14 resident as defined by Section 1-1902 of ~~Title 63 of the Oklahoma~~  
15 ~~Statutes~~ this title; and

16 5. "Prescribing clinician" means:

17 a. an allopathic or osteopathic physician licensed by and  
18 in good standing with the State Board of Medical  
19 Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of  
20 Osteopathic Examiners, as appropriate,

21 b. a physician assistant licensed by and in good standing  
22 with the State Board of Medical Licensure and  
23 Supervision, or

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1 c. an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensed by and  
2 in good standing with the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.

3 B. Except in case of an emergency in which the resident poses  
4 harm to the resident or others, no long-term care facility resident  
5 shall be prescribed or administered an antipsychotic drug that was  
6 not already prescribed to the resident prior to admission to the  
7 facility unless each of the following conditions has been satisfied:

8 1. The resident has been examined by the prescribing clinician  
9 and diagnosed with a psychiatric condition and the prescribed drug  
10 is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for  
11 that condition or prescribed in accordance with generally accepted  
12 clinical practices;

13 2. The prescribing clinician, or a previous prescribing  
14 clinician, has unsuccessfully attempted to accomplish the drug's  
15 intended effect using contemporary and generally accepted  
16 nonpharmacological care options, and has documented those attempts  
17 and their results in the resident's medical record or has deemed  
18 that those attempts would not be medically appropriate based upon a  
19 physical examination by the prescribing clinician and documented the  
20 rationale in the resident's medical record;

21 3. The facility has provided to the resident or representative  
22 of ~~a~~ the resident a written explanation of applicable informed  
23 consent laws. The explanation shall be written in language that the  
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1 resident or representative of a resident can be reasonably expected  
2 to understand;

3 4. The prescribing clinician has confirmed with the nursing  
4 facility verbally or otherwise that written, informed consent has  
5 been obtained from the resident or representative of the resident  
6 that meets the requirements of subsection C of this section; and

7 5. In the event a long-term care facility resident is  
8 prescribed an antipsychotic medication in the case of an emergency,  
9 the prescribing physician shall prescribe the minimum dosage and  
10 duration that is prudent for the resident's condition and shall  
11 examine the patient in person within thirty (30) days.

12 C. Except in the case of an emergency as provided for in  
13 subsection B of this section, the prescribing clinician shall  
14 confirm that written, voluntary informed consent to authorize the  
15 administration of an antipsychotic drug to a facility resident has  
16 been obtained from the resident or the representative of the  
17 resident prior to the initial administration of the antipsychotic  
18 drug. Voluntary informed consent shall, at minimum, consist of the  
19 following:

20 1. The prescribing clinician has confirmed that a signed,  
21 written affirmation has been obtained from the resident or the  
22 representative of the resident that the resident has been informed  
23 of all pertinent information concerning the administration of an  
24 antipsychotic drug in language that the signer can reasonably be

1 expected to understand. Pertinent information shall include, but  
2 not be limited to:

- 3 a. the reason for the drug's prescription and the  
4 intended effect of the drug on the resident's  
5 condition,
- 6 b. the nature of the drug and the procedure for its  
7 administration, including dosage, administration  
8 schedule, method of delivery and expected duration for  
9 the drug to be administered,
- 10 c. risks, common side effects and potential severe  
11 adverse reactions associated with the administration  
12 of the drug,
- 13 d. the right of the resident or representative of the  
14 resident to refuse the administration of the  
15 antipsychotic drug and the medical consequences of  
16 such refusal, and
- 17 e. an explanation of pharmacological and  
18 nonpharmacological alternatives to the administration  
19 of antipsychotic drugs and the resident's right to  
20 choose such alternatives; and

21 2. Except in the case of an emergency as provided for in  
22 subsection B of this section, the prescribing clinician shall inform  
23 the resident or the representative of the resident of the existence  
24 of the long-term care facility's policies and procedures for

1 compliance with informed consent requirements. The facility shall  
2 make these available to the resident or representative of the  
3 resident prior to administering any antipsychotic drug upon request.

4 D. 1. Antipsychotic drug prescriptions and administration  
5 shall be consistent with standards for dosage, duration and  
6 frequency of administration that are generally accepted for the  
7 resident's condition.

8 2. Throughout the duration of the administration of an  
9 antipsychotic drug and at generally accepted intervals approved for  
10 the resident's condition, the prescribing clinician or designee  
11 shall monitor the resident's condition and evaluate drug performance  
12 with respect to the condition for which the drug was prescribed.  
13 The prescribing clinician shall provide documentation of the status  
14 of the resident's condition to the resident or the representative of  
15 the resident upon request and without unreasonable delay.

16 3. Any change in dosage or duration of the administration of an  
17 antipsychotic drug shall be justified by the prescribing clinician  
18 with documentation on the resident's record of the clinical  
19 observations that warranted the change.

20 E. 1. No long-term care facility shall deny admission or  
21 continued residency to a person on the basis of the person's or his  
22 or her representative's refusal to the administration of  
23 antipsychotic drugs, unless the prescribing clinician or care  
24 facility can demonstrate that the resident's refusal would place the

1 health and safety of the resident, the facility staff, other  
2 residents or visitors at risk.

3 2. Any care facility that alleges that the resident's refusal  
4 to consent to the administration of antipsychotic drugs will place  
5 the health and safety of the resident, the facility staff, other  
6 residents or visitors at risk shall document the alleged risk in  
7 detail and shall present this documentation to the resident or the  
8 representative of the resident, to the State Department of Health  
9 and to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman<sup>7</sup>, and shall inform the resident  
10 or the representative of the resident of the resident's right to  
11 appeal to the State Department of Health. The documentation of the  
12 alleged risk shall include a description of all nonpharmacological  
13 or alternative care options attempted and why they were unsuccessful  
14 or why the prescribing clinician determined alternative treatments  
15 were not medically appropriate for the condition following a  
16 physical examination.

17 F. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a hospice  
18 patient as defined in Section 1-860.2 of ~~Title 63 of the Oklahoma~~  
19 ~~Statutes~~ this title.

20 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-890.8, as  
21 amended by Section 1, Chapter 248, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020,  
22 Section 1-890.8), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1-890.8 A. Residents of an assisted living center may  
24 receive home care services and intermittent, periodic, or recurrent

1 nursing care through a home care agency under the provisions of the  
2 Home Care Act.

3 B. Residents of an assisted living center may receive hospice  
4 home services under the provisions of the Oklahoma Hospice Licensing  
5 Act.

6 C. Nothing in the foregoing provisions shall be construed to  
7 prohibit any resident of an assisted living center from receiving  
8 such services from any person who is exempt from the provisions of  
9 the Home Care Act.

10 D. The assisted living center shall monitor and assure the  
11 delivery of those services. All nursing services shall be in  
12 accordance with the written orders of the personal or attending  
13 physician of the resident.

14 E. A resident of an assisted living center or the family or  
15 legal representative of the resident shall be required to disclose  
16 any third-party provider of medical services or supplies prior to  
17 service delivery.

18 F. Any third-party provider of medical services or supplies  
19 shall comply with the provisions of subsection D of this section.

20 G. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, a resident of an  
21 assisted living center, or the family or legal representative of the  
22 resident, may privately contract or arrange for private nursing  
23 services under the orders and supervision of the personal or  
24 attending physician of the resident, private monitoring, private

1 sitters or companions, personal domestic servants, or personal  
2 staff.

3 H. If a resident of an assisted living center develops a  
4 disability or a condition that is consistent with the facility's  
5 discharge criteria:

6 1. The personal or attending physician of a resident, a  
7 representative of the assisted living center, and the resident or  
8 the designated representative of the resident shall determine by and  
9 through a consensus of the foregoing persons any reasonable and  
10 necessary accommodations, in accordance with the current building  
11 codes, the rules of the State Fire Marshal, and the requirements of  
12 the local fire jurisdiction, and additional services required to  
13 permit the resident to remain in place in the assisted living center  
14 as the least restrictive environment and with privacy and dignity;

15 2. All accommodations or additional services shall be described  
16 in a written plan of accommodation, signed by the personal or  
17 attending physician of the resident, a representative of the  
18 assisted living center and the resident or the designated  
19 representative of the resident;

20 3. The person or persons responsible for performing, monitoring  
21 and assuring compliance with the plan of accommodation shall be  
22 expressly specified in the plan of accommodation and shall include  
23 the assisted living center and any of the following:

24 a. the personal or attending physician of the resident,

- b. a home care agency,
- c. a hospice, or
- d. other designated persons.

The plan of accommodation shall be reviewed at least quarterly by a licensed health care professional;

4. If the parties identified in paragraph 1 of this subsection fail to reach a consensus on a plan of accommodation, the assisted living center shall give written notice to the resident, the legal representative ~~or~~ of the resident or such persons as are designated in the resident's contract with the assisted living center, of the termination of the residency of the resident in the assisted living center in accordance with the provisions of the resident's contract with the assisted living center. Such notice shall not be less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date of termination, unless the assisted living center or the personal or attending physician of the resident determines the resident is in imminent peril or the continued residency of the resident places other persons at risk of imminent harm;

5. If any party identified in paragraph 1 of this subsection determines that the plan of accommodation is not being met, such party shall notify the other parties and a meeting shall be held between the parties within ten (10) business days to re-evaluate the plan of accommodation; and

1           6. Any resident aggrieved by a decision to terminate residency  
2 may seek injunctive relief in the district court of the county in  
3 which the assisted living center is located. Such action shall be  
4 filed no later than ten (10) days after the receipt of the written  
5 notice of termination.

6           I. When an antipsychotic drug is prescribed for a resident, the  
7 assisted living center shall do all of the following:

8           1. Ensure the resident is reassessed by a physician, physician  
9 assistant, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or registered nurse,  
10 as needed, but at least quarterly, for the effectiveness and  
11 possible side effects of the medication. The results of the  
12 assessments shall be documented in the resident's record and  
13 provided to the resident or the representative of the resident;

14           2. Ensure all resident care staff administering medications  
15 understand the potential benefits and side effects of the  
16 medications; and

17           3. When an antipsychotic drug is prescribed on an as-needed  
18 basis (PRN) for a resident, the assisted living center shall:

19           a. document in the resident's record the rationale for  
20 use and a detailed description of the condition which  
21 indicates the need for administration of a PRN  
22 antipsychotic drug,

23           b. monitor the use of PRN antipsychotic drugs for  
24 potential harm to the resident, including, but not

1 limited to, the presence of significant adverse side  
2 effects, use of the drugs for inappropriate purposes  
3 such as discipline or staff convenience, or use  
4 contrary to the prescription. The monitoring required  
5 by this subparagraph shall be conducted by a licensed  
6 health care professional and shall occur at least  
7 monthly, and

8 c. document in the resident's record the results of the  
9 monitoring required in subparagraph b of this  
10 paragraph, including, but not limited to, the  
11 effectiveness of the medication, the presence of any  
12 side effects, and any inappropriate use for each PRN  
13 antipsychotic drug given.

14 J. Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate an  
15 assisted living center's responsibility to provide care for and  
16 oversight of a resident.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.  
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 1st day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House  
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5 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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