New Horizons Group Homes, Inc.

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Assisted Living Facility License 9058

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VISITATION POLICY

Pursuant to 429.28, Florida Statues, Residents Bill of Rights, all residents are entitled to unrestricted private communication including visiting with any person of his or her choice, at any time between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at a minimum. Upon request, the facility shall make provisions to extend visiting hours for caregivers and out-of-town guests, and in other similar situations.

At New Horizons Group homes, Inc. there is no restriction on when or where the visit may take place, nor is there a limit on the length of visit or number of visitors except as noted below. All visitors will be provided with information on infection control and education policies. There are not any requirements for a visitor to undergo screening, wear personal protective equipment, or any other infection control polies other than normal hand hygiene and sanitation except as listed below.

Visitors can not be compelled to show proof of vaccination or immunization status. Consensual contact is allowed at all times between a resident and visitor except as noted below.

VISITATION POLICY DURING Transmissible Disease Outbreak in the Home

The purpose of this policy is to allow residents to have visitation when the facility has 2 or more transmissible disease cases. Everyone visiting the residents in a transmissible disease outbreak must follow procedures outlined.

PROCEDURE:

- 1. Person visiting must:
 - Review infection control education materials provided upon entry.
 - Visitors must wear a facemask, protective gown, face shield, or wear the same as the facility's staff only as monitored by the staff manager or supervisor and be free from symptoms.
 - Must wash/sanitize hands.
- Visitation must be in an outdoor area unless the visitor is designated as the resident's essential caregiver. A private area will be provided to ensure confidentiality of visits for outdoor visitations.

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- Any 3rd party personal providing care to residents MUST wear a mask, protective gowns, face shield.
- 4. Consensual physical contact between a resident and visitor is allowed under any circumstance
- 5. Visitors are not required to submit proof of vaccination or immunization under any circumstance.
- 6. An essential caregiver will be allowed to visit with the resident under any circumstances. An essential caregiver is not required to provide necessary care to a resident.

VISITATION IS ALLOWED REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- End-of-life situations.
- A resident who was living with family before moving into New Horizons is struggling with change in the environment and lack of in person support.
- The resident is making one or more major medical decisions.
- A resident that is experiencing emotional distress or grieving due to the loss of a friend or family member who recently died.
- A resident that needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink which was previously provided by a family member or caregiver.
- A resident who used to talk and interact with others is seldom speaking.

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Executive Director/Administrator

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