



## Swing-Bed Policies

<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b> SWB-032	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> 10-2003
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Rights, Access and Visitation	<b>REVIEWED DATE:</b> 09-2004
<b>APPROVAL:</b> Swing-Bed Director	<b>REVISED DATE:</b> 03-31-2010
<b>SCOPE:</b> Swing-Bed	

- I. **PURPOSE:** To provide freedom of association with others.
- II. **POLICY:**
  - A. The patient may associate and communicate privately with other persons of his/her choice.
  - B. Areas for privacy are provided to patients upon request.
- III. **PROCEDURE:**
  - A. The Swing-Bed Program provides immediate access to any patient by:
    1. Any representative of the secretary or state.
    2. The patient's personal physician.
    3. The state long-term care ombudsman.
    4. Agencies responsible for:
      - (1) Protection and advocacy for the developmentally disabled.
      - (2) Protection and advocacy for mentally ill.
    5. Immediate family and relatives.
  - B. The patient has a right to deny or withdraw consent to visitors at any time.
- IV. **REFERENCES:** None.
- V. **COLLABORATED WITH:** None.
- VI. **ATTACHMENTS:** None.

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