

## Caring House Admission Criteria (revised February 2017)

Caring House is a loving home for the last stage. We welcome men and women who are in the last weeks of their lives.

We accept residents without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, age, and gender as long as they meet the criteria set forth below.

No person will be admitted without his/her consent and agreement, or that of his/her responsible person(s).

To be admitted, a resident must:

- Have one or more designated family members, friends or other responsible persons who are ready, willing and able to make **care decisions** for the resident (power of attorney or court order preferred)
- Have one or more designated family members, friends or other responsible persons who are ready, willing and able to **handle financial matters** for the resident (power of attorney, joint account or court order preferred)
- Be **free of active TB** as shown by a negative TB test or clear chest x-ray (within the last month)
- Not have **behavioral issues** that may cause a danger to themselves or others as well as would not be disruptive to others in the home.
- Not require 24-hour skilled nursing but have **needs that can be met in a non-medical residence** and not exceed Caring House's staff capability
- If on **hospice**,
  - Be under the care of a Medicare certified hospice agency
  - Have agreed on no further aggressive care and hospitalizations for their condition
  - Have in place a Do Not Resuscitate order
- In the case of a gastrostomy tube (**G-tube**, either not being used or used for medications only), **suprapubic catheter**, **nephrostomy tube** or a **Stage III pressure ulcer requiring simple wound care**, **pleurex tubes** before admission to Caring House
  - have been admitted to hospice **and**

- have the wound care or the care, use and maintenance of the device specifically addressed in the hospice care plan.

Under California regulations, we are unable to accept any person with the following:

- Any active **infection**: examples: TB, staph, MRSA, VRE, C-diff, AIDS
- Any **pumps or infusions**, whether IV or SQ
- A nasogastric tube (**NG-tube**) or tracheostomy (**Trach**) or **ileostomy** or **colostomy**
- Stage III (except for those requiring simple wound care) or IV **pressure ulcers**
- Requiring **fingers sticks and/or insulin injections**

As a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly, our bedrooms are to be occupied by persons **age** 60 and older; under the regulations, however, Caring House is allowed from time to time to admit a resident under that age if the resident's needs are compatible with our other residents.

All potential residents will be considered by the Caring House admissions team as part of an **admissions pool**, which will be continually evaluated. The team will review assessment materials, apply the admissions criteria, consider the needs and demands of residents already at Caring House, and consider whether Caring House is able to provide safe care for the potential resident. Admission decisions are made by the admissions team.

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