

Caring House Admission Criteria

Caring House is a loving home for the last stage. We welcome men and women who are in the last weeks or days 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 and handle financial matters** for the resident (power of attorney or court order preferred, but not required)
- Be **free of active TB** as shown by a negative TB test or clear chest x-ray (within the last 6 months)
- 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**,
 - Have agreed on no further aggressive care and hospitalizations for their condition
 - Have in place a Do Not Resuscitate order

See page 2 for specific **medical conditions**.

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**, rather than a waiting list, which will be continually evaluated. When more than one family is wanting admission and there is only 1 bedroom available, the team looks for the family with the greater need.

Medical conditions (reflecting California regulations and safety needs):

- **Allowed:** Colostomy; gastrostomy tube (G-tube, either not being used or used for medications only); Ileostomy; Nephrostomy tube; Pleurex tubes; Infusion pumps; Stage III pressure ulcer requiring simple wound care; or Suprapubic catheter; all OK **provided that before** admission to Caring House the person have been admitted to hospice and the wound care or the care, use and maintenance of the device specifically addressed in the hospice care plan.
- Ask us: Tracheostomy.
- Not allowed: Any active infection (ex: TB, staph, MRSA, VRE, C-diff, AIDS, HIV); Any wound requiring complex care or any stage IV pressure ulcers; IVs; Requiring fingers sticks and/or insulin injections

To discuss a potential resident call our admissions team at (310) 796-6625 ext. 2.

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