

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 communicable TB** as shown by a negative TB test, clear chest x-ray or other method (within the last 6 months)
- Not have **behavioral issues** that may cause a danger to themselves or others or 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 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 to admit a resident under that age if the resident's needs are compatible with our other residents.

Potential residents are considered by the Caring House admissions team as part of an **admissions pool**, which is continually evaluated. When more than one resident/family is wanting admission and there is only one bedroom available, the team looks for the resident/family with the greatest need.

Medical conditions (reflecting California regulations and safety needs):

- **Allowed:** Colostomy; gastrostomy tube (G-tube, either not being used or used for medications only); HIV; Ileostomy; Nephrostomy tube; Pleurex tubes; Infusion pumps (for subcutaneous pain medications); Stage III pressure ulcer requiring simple wound care; or Suprapubic catheter; all OK **provided that at or before** admission to Caring House the person has been admitted to hospice and the wound care or the care, use and maintenance of the device is specifically addressed in the hospice care plan.
- **Ask us:** Any wound requiring complex care or any stage IV pressure ulcer; Any resident requiring finger sticks and/or insulin injections; Tracheostomy.
- **Not allowed:** Any active communicable infection; IVs (intravenous fluids, drips, etc.);

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

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