



Client Notice Regarding Smoking

Many clients and family members are not aware that visiting certified home health aides may see multiple clients in a day. If you or a family member smokes in the home while one of our employees is working with you, the smoke in the air lingers in the clothing and hair of our employees.

This lingering smell of smoke to a non-smoking client who has just come home from the hospital, or has sensitivities to tobacco, may have a detrimental effect on them. Some symptoms are allergic reactions, nausea, watery eyes and loss of appetite. Many non-smoking clients have expressed these symptoms as they are sensitive to the smell of tobacco.

While we certainly appreciate the trust you have placed in Generations by inviting us into your home, many of our employees would also prefer not having to breathe second-hand smoke, even in someone else's home. Cigarette smoke contains a mixture of more than 4,000 chemicals, many of which may cause cancer and heart disease.

*We also recognize some of our caregivers do smoke between visits, and we are making every effort to respect their choice to smoke, yet make them aware of the need for airing out their clothing and cleansing their breath before they see you. In addition we have a strict no smoking policy in place for our CHHAs, who are prohibited from smoking while commuting to an assignment and while on assignment. **They are not to accept an invitation from you to smoke, whether or not you are a smoker.***

We are doing this so that clients and their families and friends will not experience discomfort from an employee who smokes.

We ask that you refrain from smoking 30 minutes before a caregiver visits you, to assure a healthy environment is present for our CHHAs, and that the rest of the clients they see during the day do not experience any discomfort. If this is a problem please call the Generations main office to discuss and see if reasonable alternatives can be arranged.

Working together, this will help every one of our valued clients and aides to promote an environment of wellness for everybody.

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