

SP 14: RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY

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SP 14 refers to the sharing of information to first responders of the resident living facilities.

It would require the residential care facility to complete a cognitive and physical assessments form and share the results with the emergency medical technician who transports the resident to the emergency room.

There are about 588,208 Californians who are 55 years of age and older who live with Alzheimer's disease and other demenias. When these patients are taken to the hospital emergency rooms, they often do not comprehend why they are there and do not understand discharge instructions from the Doctors.

Lack of information about the patients in the emergency room results in the performance of unnecessary and costly tests and procedures.

By transferring information to the EMT and hospital about the patient, would eliminate this unnecessary cost, expense and stress to the patient,

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