

INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR USE OF BED RAILS

FACILITY CHECKLIST

- Modify Admissions Policy to include Provisions of PA 437
- Measurements of Residents
 - Recorded in Medical Record
- Documentation of Measurements for Gaps
- Equipment and Device Safety
- Resident and Bed Safety
- Documentation of Corrective Actions
- Resident Assessment for Bed Rail Use, including Risks and Alternatives
- Obtain Signatures on Consent Forms
- Written Physician Orders specifying Medical Determinations and Circumstances
- Conduct Staff Training
 - Direct Care Staff
 - Maintenance and Environmental Services Staff
 - Modify Orientation of New Staff to include provisions of PA 437
- Initiate 5 day observation periods for newly installed bed rails
- Initiate Quarterly Care Plan Review of Bed Rails Use and Equipment
- Initiate Review of Bed and Device Safety at least every 60 days after the initial 5
 - Maintenance log