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Disclosure Law

Tennessee requires Alzheimer’s special care units or programs to make certain disclosures, including special staff training and educational practices.

Nursing homes

Tennessee regulations provide that structurally distinct parts of a nursing home may be designated as special care units for ambulatory residents with dementia. One requirement for the designation is that nurse aide training, in addition to the required training in all nursing homes, must provide 40 hours of classroom instruction in Alzheimer’s disease and dealing with Alzheimer residents and their families.

Facilities with Secured Units-Nursing Homes, Homes for the Aged, Residential Hospice, and Assisted-Care Living Facilities

Regulations provide that facilities with secured units for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease or related disorders, including nursing homes, homes for the aged, residential hospice and assisted-care living facilities, must all provide the state survey team with documentation showing that 100% of staff receives dementia training in the following areas: basic facts about the causes, progression and management of Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders; dealing with dysfunctional behavior and catastrophic reactions in the residents; identifying and alleviating safety risks to the resident; providing assistance in the activities of daily living for the resident; and, communicating with families and other persons interested in the resident

Medicaid Waiver

Tennessee’s CHOICES Medicaid waiver covers the cost of services in assisted-care living facilities.