

**Subject** Designated support person for residents of long-term care facilities

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## Overview

The Health Care Bill of Rights currently requires health care facilities and health care providers to allow a patient to have at least one designated support person chosen by the patient to be physically present while the patient is receiving health care services. This bill extends the right to a designated support person to residents of long-term care facilities, including nursing homes, boarding care homes, and assisted living facilities.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>Designated support person.</b> |
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Amends § 144.651, subd. 10a. Amends the Health Care Bill of Rights to require nonacute care facilities, including nursing homes, boarding care homes, and certain other settings, to allow at least one designated support person chosen by the resident to be physically present while the resident is at the facility, except in circumstances when the facility may restrict or prohibit a designated support person's presence.

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| 2 | <b>Designated support person.</b> |
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Adds subd. 6a to § 144G.91. Amends the Assisted Living Bill of Rights to require an assisted living facility to allow at least one designated support person chosen by the resident to be physically present with the resident while the resident is at the facility. Defines designated support person and lists circumstances in which an assisted living facility may restrict or prohibit a designated support person's presence.