

IDPH recently announced the Authorized Electronic Monitoring in Long –Term Care Facilities Act permits a resident of a long-term care facility to conduct authorized electronic monitoring of his/her room through the use of an electronic monitoring device.

If a client/guardian of a client wants to conduct electronic monitoring in his/her room what must be done?

The client (AND guardian, if applicable) of a long-term care facility must sign and complete Part I of the consent form prior to any installation of any equipment. The content of the form is mandated by Section 20 of the Authorized Electronic Monitoring in Long-Term Care Facilities Act.

What if the client has a roommate?

Before an electronic monitoring device can be installed in a clients room, the roommate (AND his/her guardian, if applicable) must consent to the device and must complete Part II of the consent form. Please note that a roommates consent may be revoked at any time.

Can the facility access the audio or video recording created through a clients authorized electronic monitoring?

No. A facility must have a clients (guardians, if applicable) written consent to access any video or audio recording.

What else do I need to know?

All video or audio recording created through your authorized electronic monitoring equipment may be disseminated for the purpose of addressing concerns relating to the health, safety, or welfare of a client or clients. Copies of audio or video recordings may have to be provided to parties involved in a civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding. Further, you may request that the electronic monitoring device be turned off or the visual component of the device may be blocked at any time.

Will Marklund incur the cost of these services?

No. Marklund provides 24 hour surveillance to all common areas at both locations (Bloomingdale and Geneva). We will not be responsible for the installation or ongoing charges incurred on behalf of personal electronic monitoring equipment for any of our clients. Further, if a resident chooses to install an electronic monitoring device that uses Internet technology for visual or audio monitoring, that resident is responsible for contracting with an Internet service provider. Marklund will not be responsible for the purchase of monitoring equipment, installation, maintenance, and/or removal of equipment.

Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions.

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