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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE - NURSING HOME CARE DURING VIRUS ISOLATION

Since the pandemic started, this past week FATE received the most calls from family members who are not allowed in nursing homes and how concerned they are for the health and welfare of their loved ones and rightfully so as there is a reason to be concerned. Not all nursing homes are providing cell phones, zoom connections, etc. for patients to communicate with their family members as to what is going on with their care. As well, some patients in these facilities are not even able to communicate, which is very dangerous for the patient.

Yesterday, one of our frantic calls was from a consumer whose wife has been in a facility for over five weeks and he had not been able to see her and he suspected she was not getting proper care. FATE contacted the administrator of this facility and the patient was ambulated to a local hospital in very serious condition. She was diagnosed in the emergency room as non-responsive suffering from severe dehydration and lack of proper medications. This patient is currently in the ICU and hopefully will recover.

Without the eyes and ears of family and friends, nursing home patients are “at risk” for neglect and poor care. For those of you who have loved ones in nursing homes and you feel that that person is in “harm’s way”, please contact our office for assistance.

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