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Permitted at all Long-term Care Residential Facilities & Homes

Essential Caregiver:

- An individual who provides health care services or assistance with activities of daily living to a facility resident
- Care or service provided by the essential care giver is included in the care or service plan for the resident
- Activities of daily living include bathing, dressing and eating

Compassionate Caregiver:

- Allowed on a limited basis as an exception to restricted visitation
- Intended to help a resident face a hard situation
 - End of life
 - Major upset, difficult transition, or loss

Essential Caregivers:

The facility should allow access to the facility by Essential Caregivers (EC) whose services are provided as part of the resident's plan of care or service plan as long as they pass the facility screening criteria and comply with facility policies for entry which may include testing for COVID-19.

ECs are expected to work with the facility to determine an agreeable schedule that addresses the facility obligations for screening, PPE training, and management of visitors in a manner that does not place residents at risk. The facility may limit access by an essential caregiver if the resident is positive for COVID-19 or is suspected of having COVID-19. The facility may deny access by an essential caregiver for noncompliance of facility infection control requirements.

Compassionate Care Visitors:

The facility should allow Compassionate Care Visitors (CC) for limited visits when a resident is experiencing trauma or end of life care. CC visitors must pass the facility screening criteria and comply with facility policies for entry which may include testing for COVID-19.

CCs visitors are expected to work with the facility to determine the optimal time of schedule for a visit considering the facility obligations for screening, PPE training, and management of visitors in a manner that does not place residents at risk. The facility may deny access for a compassionate care visit by a visitor who did not comply with the facility's infection control requirements.