



# Non-Discrimination & Visitation

## Resident & Client

### Non-Discrimination

Chicago Methodist Senior Services, including its programs, services, and entities, do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender identity, gender expression, HIV status, disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, citizenship, nationality, ethnic origin, arrest record and any other status or characteristic protected by law. There is no distinction in eligibility for or in the manner of providing services. All persons and organizations having occasion either to refer persons for services or to recommend CMSS are advised to do so without regard to any status or characteristic described above.

### Resident Visitation

We recognize the resident's need to maintain contact with the community in which they have lived or is familiar. Therefore, the resident is permitted to have visitors of their choice. Residents are permitted to visit with representatives from federal and state survey agencies, resident advocates, the State's long-term care ombudsman, protection and advocacy agencies for individuals with developmental disabilities or mental illness, clergy and/or their personal physicians at any time.

- Residents have the right to see visitors 24 hours a day as long as the visit does not interfere with the provision of care or the privacy rights of other residents.
- Residents have the right to have visitors of choice - including same-sex spouses, same-sex partners, other family, or friends.
- Residents have the right to see anyone who gives them help with their health, social, legal, or other services at any time.
- Residents have the right to spend private time with visitors.
- The resident has the right to deny visitation at any time. If a resident chooses to withdraw consent for visitation by a particular individual, the name of that person and the date of withdrawn consent shall be documented in the resident's medical record.