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Statement of Matt Barrett, President and CEO the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities/Connecticut Center for Assisted Living (CAHCF/CCAL) and Mag Morelli, President of LeadingAge Connecticut:

DPH Guidance on Hospital Discharges to Nursing Home During the COVID-19 Pandemic

On the question of whether the updated hospital discharge guidance issued last week by DPH mandates Connecticut nursing homes to accept all admissions of COVID-19 positive patients, CAHCF and LeadingAge Connecticut have advised their members that the associations do not read the updated guidance as requiring nursing homes to admit COVID-19 positive patients from the hospital if the nursing home is unable to meet the resident's needs and safely care for them. Issues that may influence the admission decision include a shortage of staff, lack of appropriate isolation space, or other clinical reasons. The associations have been assured by the state that the appropriate and longstanding nursing home authority to refuse a proposed admission if the facility is unable to meet the needs of the resident is preserved in the guidance.

The two nursing home associations also noted that throughout the pandemic, nursing homes have routinely admitted and cared for COVID-19 positive residents, and that they continue to do so when they are able to adequately address their care needs.

Nursing home staff are clearly adept at caring for residents with COVID-19 under the appropriate conditions.

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