

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE BILL 2566

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to long-term care; providing for
8 visitation of residents in long-term care facilities;
9 providing for health care provider access to
10 residents of long-term care facilities; allowing
11 restrictions by the State Department of Health;
12 prohibiting unilateral elimination of visitation;
13 providing for codification; and providing an
14 effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-1919.1 of Title 63, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. Except as provided by Section 10-111 of Title 43A of the
20 Oklahoma statutes, every long-term care facility must provide
21 immediate access to a resident by immediate family and other
22 relatives of the resident, subject to the resident's right to deny
23 or withdraw consent at any time.

24 B. Every long-term care facility must provide reasonable access
to a resident by health care providers who are contracted with the

1 facility to provide such care, subject to the resident's right to
2 deny or withdraw consent at any time.

3 C. Visitation and access described in subsections A and B of
4 this section may be subject to reasonable clinical and safety
5 restrictions as ordered by the State Department of Health.

6 D. No long-term care facility shall unilaterally eliminate
7 visitation for any reason.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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