

Ethical Issues of Caregiving in Long-Term Care Settings Stacey Meyer, Senior Corporate Counsel

Long-term care settings present ethical challenges for surrogate decision-makers and the communities where their loved ones reside, creating difficult and emotional situations, especially without documentation or a clear understanding of authority.

Healthcare providers often deal with the family's confusion and varying opinions. Plus, associates develop personal relationships with long-term residents, which create potential ethical problems.

Following this presentation the participant will be able to:

- Understand ethical issues surrounding surrogate decision-making and be able identify appropriate authorities under various circumstances
- Identify potential ethical pitfalls with caregiving in long-term care communities
- Understand legal and ethical concerns for end-of-life decisions in long-term care and the interplay between decision-makers and communities
- · Identify resources for further understanding of ethical issues in long-term care
- The Optimum Life CE series is a pre-recorded webcast.
- This activity has been submitted to the Ohio Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. The Ohio Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (OBN-001-91).
- Call (312) 977-3711 for more information about contact hours
- This program has been submitted (but not yet approved) for Continuing Education for 1.0 hour from NAB/NCERS
- This activity is pending approval from the National Association of Social Workers.
- This program has been submitted to The Commission for Case Manager Certification for approval to provide board certified case managers with 1.0 hour.
- Brookdale Senior Living Inc. is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0221.
- $\bullet\quad \hbox{This course is approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative.}$

