

Agency: Home Health MA	Title: Pet Policy
Issuing Department: Clinical Administration	Effective Date 10/2022 Date Last Reviewed: 11/2023 Next Review Date: 11/2025

I. Purpose

To prevent any injury to TMCAH staff.

II. Scope

All Leadership, Visting Clinical Staff, Intake

III. Definitions N/A

IV. Policy

To ensure the safety for all clinicians providing care in patients homes when pets are present during clinicians' visits

V. Pocedure

1. Welcome Calls will be attempted to all patients prior to being admitted to service and will include the message that ALL PETS must be put away during all visits with clinicians from TMCAH. See Attachment A.
2. All staff will inform patient and family prior to making home visit (during their phone calls to set up the time of the visit) that any pet must be confined in a room separate from the room in which patient care is being provided.
3. A handout of this policy will be put in all admission packets and clinicians will review with patients during the admission visit.
4. All staff must adhere to this policy even if they feel comfortable with pets. It is for the safety and wellbeing of all TMCAH staff.
5. Any service animal that is needed for patients will be allowed to stay in the room during the visit with the clinicians.

VI. Related Documents

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