

A. SAM KARESH LONG TERM CARE



Care

Long term care for your loved ones.



KERSHAW COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

It is our mission to provide quality health care services which address the physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs of each individual who resides in Karesh Long Term Care with love, compassion, respect and competency.

Our Philosophy

At Kershaw County Medical Center, we understand that planning long term care for your loved ones is never easy. You need professional health care, but you also want a loving, family-centered environment.

That's why we're dedicated to providing care that focuses on comfort, respect and quality care for residents, as well as support for their family members. It's why we keep our visiting hours flexible, to encourage frequent visits from family members, including supervised children of all ages. And why we strive to help each resident achieve the highest level of independence, maintaining physical, mental and social well-being.



Facilities and Services

Communicating with family members is essential to our care. Quarterly team meetings allow family members to express their concerns and learn more about your loved one's medical care and nutrition. Changes and improvements in activity levels are discussed at team meetings with our Director of Activities. Residents also have access to the Chaplain on-call.

Room, skilled and intermediate levels of nursing care, and well-balanced meals are included in our basic rate. Special diets if needed, between meal snacks and use of durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers are also included.

All residents have access to the dining room, barber/beauty shop, television room, activity and visiting rooms and the chapel. Each resident room is equipped with an intercom to the nursing station, emergency call bells, bathroom and lavatory. Cable is available for residents furnishing their own television. Rooms feature windows and include ample storage space.

Medications, oxygen and medical-surgical supplies are also available. Center residents also have access to a full range of inpatient and outpatient services provided by the hospital. Additional charges apply to these supplies and services. And in some cases, a resident may have to be admitted to the hospital for IV therapy. Residents also have access to the x-ray, lab, emergency treatment and rehabilitation services.

Residents are admitted without regard to race, color, creed, sex, religion or national origin. A physician's order is required for admission. Pre-admission screening will be done prior to admission.

**For additional information or inquiries
on admission, contact our director
at (803) 425-6376.**

Laundry – We provide full linen services, with the exception of personal clothing. Residents or family should pick up soiled clothing and deliver changes of clothing on a regular basis. All clothing should be labeled. Due to limited space, we encourage residents to store no more than one week's supply of clothing.

Smoking – Kershaw County Medical Center is a smoke-free facility. All new residents to the center must agree to abide by a no-smoking policy.

Telephones – Telephones are available in private areas on both floors and include devices for the hearing impaired. Private, in-room telephone service may be obtained through the local phone company.

Valuables – While residents have the right of respect for personal property while in our care, we ask that they not bring valuables into the center. We cannot accept responsibility for missing items.

Activities – We provide a variety of activities under the direction of a full-time activities director. Activities are designed to meet a wide range of social, recreational and religious experiences. Exercise, crafts, gardening, games, Bible study, outside events, such as shopping excursions, trips to the movies or for video rental, visits to the zoo, and dining out with family and friends are just a few of the activities available for residents. Group programs and entertainment are planned, and we encourage personal hobbies and interests.

Devotional services are provided each Sunday and every Tuesday morning. Bible studies are held each week.

Meals – Residents are encouraged to take their meals in the dining room, where lunch and supper are served daily. In-room meals are available for those unable to use the dining room. Our long term care staff is available to feed residents. Family members of residents are also encouraged and welcome to assist their loved ones with meals and snacks. Nutritional supplements are available as ordered by physicians.

Medical Care – Residents are typically seen by their physician on a monthly basis. Nurses closely monitor each resident and contact their physician should he/she require immediate attention.

The center coordinates medical care for each resident, including transportation. Family members are encouraged to meet residents at their physician's office. The resident or their representative is responsible for charges for medical care.

Dental Care – Annual oral assessments are performed on all residents by a member of the local dental association. Transportation can also be provided to the local dentist of your choice. Local dentists who are members of our affiliate medical staff can perform dental services at the center.

Hospitalization – If it becomes necessary for a resident to enter an acute care hospital, the resident is considered discharged. Residents paying for their own care may have their room held by paying the reserved room rates while away.

Rooms for residents, covered by Medicaid are held for up to ten days. After ten days, other arrangements must be made to reserve the room. The family of any resident covered by Medicaid should contact the business office prior to transfer.

Injuries – In the event of an incident that results in injury, the family is notified within 24 hours. If treatment is required, the resident's physician and family are notified immediately.

Pharmacy – All medications must follow a physician's order. Families should not bring any medications, including over-the-counter items such as aspirin or any previously prescribed medications, into the facility.



Restraints – Restraints are sometimes necessary to protect residents from injuries. However, restraints are never a first or only choice in developing a plan of care. Here are some key points concerning the use of restraints in the facility:

- When restraints are used, they are regularly re-evaluated for appropriateness and used only when other solutions have not worked. Each situation is evaluated individually to determine whether a restraint is appropriate and, if needed, the proper type.
- The facility maintains a written policy on the use of restraints and a copy of that policy can be provided to you.
- Restraints must be ordered by a physician or nurse practitioner and the reasons for the restraint documented in the resident's chart.

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More than half the staff at Karesh Long Term Care Facility has been caring for residents at the facility for ten years or more. They take pride in their role of providing consistent quality care.

Nursing – There is a licensed nurse available on staff, 24 hours a day.

Private duty personnel – Residents may employ private sitters or nurses. Residents who hire private duty personnel are responsible for paying for these services. All private duty personnel must be approved by administration in advance.

Social workers – The facility offers the services of a social worker. This professional assists residents in obtaining all available benefits and with other needs such as handling referrals, arranging appointments and transportation as well as psychosocial assessments.

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Insurance/Billing

Billing – The basic rate is billed monthly in advance and payable by the 10th of each month, while all other charges are billed as incurred. Residents covered by the Medicaid program do not receive bills.

Medicare, Medicaid and other insurance –

The facility accepts residents who qualify for Medicare, Medicaid or other insurance programs. Because regulations change frequently, the resident or representative should contact the business office to discuss coverage. Medicare does not cover routine long term care stays.

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Discharge/Leave

Discharge – Residents can be discharged on the written order of a physician, or upon signing a release of responsibility form for residents who discharge themselves against their physician's advice.

The center has the right to discharge residents if they fail to comply with the admission agreement or if their condition requires care beyond the scope of that provided by Karesh Long Term Care Facility. The center will work with residents, families and physicians to arrange a transfer to an appropriate facility. The resident's family has the right to appeal their discharge to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Discharge planning and home care instructions are provided for all residents leaving the facility. Residents may also be referred to hospice, home health care or to other agencies.

Leave of Absence – Residents are allowed to leave the facility with a written order from their physician. For residents paying for their own care, the regular rate is charged during home visits, and the resident may go out at the discretion of their physician. Outside visits, shopping, dinner with family and friends and occasional overnight visits are encouraged.

Residents covered by the Medicaid program, may be granted home leave for up to 18 overnights per year.



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