



Legislative Endorsement

Bill No.	Bill Title	Sponsor(s)	Committee	Legislative history
S 1506	An Act increasing the personal needs allowance for residents of long-term care facilities	Sen. O'Connor	Public Health	Hearing:
Endorsed by 39 members of Dignity Alliance Massachusetts including:				
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https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1506				
SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after				
clause (18)(b) the following clause: (19) in the case of a resident suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, or other psychiatric illnesses, facilities are prohibited from transferring patients off-premises for medication adjustments without the approval of the patient, guardian, or person legally responsible for the patient.				
SECTION 2. Section 70E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause (o) the following clause: (p) in the case of a resident suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, or other psychiatric illnesses, facilities are prohibited from transferring patients off-premises for medication adjustments without the approval of the patient, guardian, or person legally responsible for the patient.				