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Spoke with Ms. Dina Edwards

Ms. Edwards is the niece and HCPOA to her 90 year old aunt who has no children. She has concerns with the Semi-acute care unit where her aunt is currently residing. She alleges the facility refuses to put up bedrails.

I stated to Ms. Edwards that bedrails are considered a restraint when used to keep the resident from getting out of bed. If a resident requires the bedrails up while in bed it has to be care-planned, doctor ordered and consent forms must be signed either by the resident or if the resident is unable to consent the family has to sign consent forms. Bedrails can only be used for safety of the resident and it has to be documented that the resident is unsafe without them up.

She understood and I recommended that she speak to her aunt's doctor. She stated she would.

Thanks,
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