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TITLE: Admission Priority

POLICY:
The Ella Besaw Center provides assisted living and care to our community. If a situation arises where there are more potential residents than available rooms, potential residents will be admitted in a manner that considers tribal preference, with priority for tribal members, their partners, and descendants.

PURPOSE:
To define what order new residents, respite, and hospice will be admitted to Open rooms at the Ella Besaw Center CBRF.

PROCEDURE:

1) **Residential Admission**

a) Determination of eligibility

i) Prior to being considered for placement at the Ella Besaw Center, a prospective resident must complete a screening to ensure the individual does not require a higher level of care than can safely be provided at the facility. All potential residents will be screened as identified in Admission and Retention policy #001.

b) If there are more prospective residents who meet eligibility requirements than available rooms, the following priority system will be used to determine priority of placement.

i) First priority will be given to enrolled members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

ii) Second priority will be given to a current spouse or partner of an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. This preference will include the spouse or partner of a deceased enrolled member.

iii) A descendant of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and/or their spouse/partner.

iv) An enrolled tribal member of other Tribes and/or their spouse/partner.

c) Residents will be offered a room selection using the same priority system.

2) Respite Care

a) Determination of eligibility

i) Prior to being considered for respite at the Ella Besaw Center, the person must complete a screening to ensure the individual does not require a higher level of care that can safely be provided at the facility. All potential individuals seeking respite care will be screened as identified in Admission and Retention policy #001.

b) Respite care will only be offered if an open room is available and if staffing levels support such care. Hospice rooms will not be considered an open room. Room selection will be determined by Ella Besaw management. In no circumstance will a permanent resident be displaced to accommodate a person in respite care.

c) Respite care will only be offered to enrolled members of the Stockbridge-Munsee community, descendants of an enrolled member, and spouses/partners of an enrolled member or descendant. Priority of placement will follow the priority identified for Residential Admission.

3) Hospice

a) Hospice will only be offered to enrolled members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, descendants of an enrolled member, and spouses/partners of enrolled members or descendants who meet the requirements listed in Admission and Retention policy #001. To be eligible for hospice care, an individual must have a terminal illness and a life expectancy of less than 12 months as documented by a licensed medical provider. Priority of placement will be offered to those who do not have local families/friends who can provide care.