

Things to bring to the Nursing Home:

- Advance directives**, if you have them (Living Will; Power of Attorney for Health Care; General Power of Attorney for Finances)
- Clothing marked clearly with initials** (use middle initial, too, if possible, ex: MTE) Be sure to also label what is worn upon arrival. **Please bring hangers for the closet.**

*-Tips for clothing: Bring at least a week's supply to start. Comfortable clothing such as jogging pants, sweatshirts, loose-fitting clothing, and clothes with elastic waistbands are encouraged. Otherwise please bring what the individual is used to and comfortable wearing. Please ensure that shoes have a non-skid sole and fit appropriately. Bring clean underwear and socks. Garments should be washable and in good repair. ****Note: Families are responsible for helping residents move in clothing and personal items, and to mark these on the Inventory of Personal Effects form provided at the time of admission.** Please be as detailed as possible when completing this form. The day of admission goes more smoothly if clothing and other items are labeled ahead of time. Black/dark socks can be given to the laundry department to label with a special white marker.*

- Cards** – insurance, Medicare, Rx, etc.
- list of upcoming appointments** (please give to the nurse)
- Emergency contacts:** names, addresses, phone numbers, & email, listed in order of who to contact first
- Physician names:** Optometrist, Podiatrist, Dentist, Specialists, etc.
- Medications:** Please visit with nursing regarding the plan for medications.

*Note - Please do NOT bring the following items: Large amounts of money (No more than \$5 is allowed in the resident's room. Additional cash or valuables may be locked up in the nurses' designated area by the charge nurse. The resident may sign out these items anytime. We ask that no more than \$99 be signed into lockup). Medications and other items marked "keep out of reach of children" should not be kept in resident rooms. This includes over-the-counter medications, creams/ointments, cleaning products, etc. Please do not bring weapons or items that could be used as weapons (knives, etc.). No throw rugs or extension cords.

- Contact the Long-Term Care Insurance company (if applicable) on the day of admission, and let them know about admission to Barthell OES Nursing Home, so they can start the claim process. They will want to send us forms via fax at #563-382-8788 attn: Ana.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE DAY OF ADMISSION: The admitting nurse will do a nursing assessment and take vitals. Dietary staff may discuss meal preferences. The social worker will have paperwork to sign with the new resident and responsible party. It is preferable that admissions take place in the morning (between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) to allow time to complete the above items. Please arrange for a specific admission day and time with the social worker ahead of time.

Please contact the nursing home social worker if you have any questions at (563) 382-8787. Thank You!