

(1) Adopt Section 72516 to read:

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(c) No resident or his or her legal representative shall be required to sign any other document at the time of, or as a condition of, admission to the licensee's facility, or as a condition of continued stay in the facility.

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 1275, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1276, 1430, 1599.60, 1599.61, 1599.81 and 123222.1,

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