

Policy on Patients with Disabilities

This includes patients with:

**Altered Mental Statuses • Physical or Intellectual Challenges
Cognitive Disabilities • Communication Barriers
Behavioral Concerns**

Patients may **DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL** knowledgeable about the management of the patient's care, to assist the patient and ensure effective communication, including:

- ➔ A family member
- ➔ Personal care assistant
- ➔ Disability service provider
- ➔ Or another knowledgeable individual



THE DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL MUST:

- ➔ Be asymptomatic for Covid-19
- ➔ Not previously Covid-19 positive
- ➔ Screened by facility staff, including temperature check
- ➔ Wear a mask
- ➔ May be denied access for suspicion of Covid exposure