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RESOLUTION 2024-04

Encouraging the Use of Body Worn Cameras by Security Officers in Hospitals and Nursing Homes

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights is the State of Alaska's civil rights enforcement agency; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights enforces the Alaska Human Rights Act, AS 18.80 *et seq.*; and,

WHEREAS, AS 18.80.230(a)(1) makes it unlawful for a place of public accommodation, "to refuse, withhold from, or deny to a person any of its services, goods, facilities, advantages, or privileges because of... physical or mental disability..." and,

WHEREAS, the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System has consistently seen an increasing number of allegations of mistreatment of adults with disabilities; and,

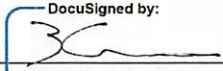
WHEREAS, Body Worn Cameras can increase accountability in fields where allegations of abuse or use of force can be common such as assisted living facilities and hospitals; and,

WHEREAS, the regulations enacted enforcing the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), 45 C.F.R. § 160.101 *et seq.*, limit the use of surveillance video cameras to instances that will not threaten the protected health information of patients.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights calls on hospitals and healthcare facilities in Alaska to voluntarily adopt policies and procedures that will increase the use of body worn cameras or similar recording technology for security officials in medical settings to increase accountability for any potential abuse of adults with disabilities while also maintaining HIPAA privacy compliance requirements.

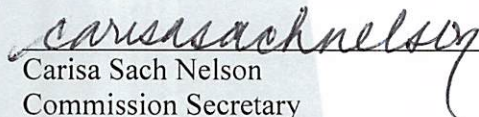
Copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Alaska Hospital and Healthcare Association and individual hospitals and nursing homes around Alaska.

ADOPTED in Anchorage, Alaska, this 10th day of October 2024.

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Chairperson
Alaska State Commission for Human Rights

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 2024-04 is a true and accurate copy of the language adopted by the Commission on October 10, 2024.



Carisa Sach Nelson
Commission Secretary
Alaska State Commission for Human Rights