Bathroom Call System Name of Policy: **Policy Number:** 3364-122-33 **Department:** Nursing Service – Kobacker Inpatient MEDICAL CENTER Psychiatric Hospital **Approving Officer: Chief Nursing Officer** Medical Director **Responsible Agent: Nursing Director Inpatient Psychiatry Effective Date**: 6/1/2022 Scope: The University of Toledo Medical Center Initial Effective Date: 8/1999 New policy proposal Minor/technical revision of existing policy Major revision of existing policy Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy Statement

An Emergency System will be available on a patient need basis for Kobacker patients in the bathroom.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To ensure privacy and safety of patients at Kobacker. To provide timely response to patient needs while in the bathroom.

(C) Procedure

Kobacker will utilize a hand bell or "baby alarm" system for emergency assistance while patients with identified needs are in the bathroom. These types of patients include but are not limited to: Patients with history of seizure disorder, neurological impairment, physical limitations that alter mobility, patients with visual or speech impairments and/or patients with serious physical illness.

- 1. Assess patient for actual and or potential physical limitations that would require additional monitoring in the bathroom.
- 2. If patient has identified needs place an emergency bell or alarm in the bathroom.
- 3. Instruct patient on its use. Have patient demonstrate ability to use. Document teaching in the medical record.
- 4. When the patient is in the bathroom, monitor closely through frequent checks.

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