

# Introducing ENHANCED RESPIRATORY CARE for CountyCare Members in the Chicago Area!

When your CountyCare Ventilator or Trach patient is ready to move to the next level of care, consider an ERC Unit!

## Types of Eligible Patients:

### Any CountyCare member who is:

- On a ventilator (trached or intubated pending trach)
- Tracheostomized

An ERC unit is located within select nursing facilities in the Chicago area.

### Participation in the program requires:

- ◇ Focus On Quality Outcomes, Vent & Trach Weaning, Reduced Hospitalizations
- ◇ Improved Medical Oversight
- ◇ Improved Use of Technology
- ◇ Improved Staffing

## Participating Facilities

- Alden Lakeland
- Aldan Orland Park
- Alden Barrington
- Generations Regency
- Generations Oakton



\*ERC PPAHS (Physician-Patient Alliance for Health and Safety) Accredited ...in the top 1% of the long-term care facilities in the US- achieving improved patient safety and quality of patient care.

## ERC Admission Criteria

### ➤ Non-respiratory organ dysfunction stabilized Criteria

- Sepsis treated & controlled
- Hemodynamically stable & no need for hemodynamic monitoring
- No uncontrolled arrhythmia or heart failure
- No uncontrolled hemorrhage
- Controlled blood sugars no higher than 200
- Renal function and acid-base balance stable
- New trach in place for 72 hours
- Does not require a Complex IV regime

### ➤ Nutrition Criteria

- Must have PEG if unable to pass swallow study

### ➤ Restraint Criteria

- Free of Chemical Restraints
- Free of Physical Restraints for >24 hours
- IV sedation weaned to P.O. or per tube at least 24 hrs prior to admit

### ➤ Treatment plan for all medical conditions in place

- Will not require frequent treatment changes
- Can be implemented at alternate care site
- DVT prophylaxis in place Heparin vs. Coumadin
- Recent skin assessment
- Weight bearing status & therapy orders current
- All infectious conditions addressed

### ➤ Respiratory Stability

- Safe and secure airway
- FiO2 less than 50%
- SaO2 greater than 90%
- PEEP less than 10
- Relatively stable airway resistance & lung compliance
- Oxygenation stable during suctioning & repositioning
- Non-ventilator patients stable off vent no less than 24 hours

## To Inquire About The Program Or Make A Referral

Call CountyCare UM at 312-864-8200, option 5 OR 855-444-1661, option 5.

Submit via fax referral form to 800-856-9434. The referral form can be found here:

[CCH InpatientPriorAuthorizationForm English 092618.pdf \(countycare.com\)](https://www.countycare.com/InpatientPriorAuthorizationForm_English_092618.pdf)