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This message is for managers on both the Salem and Junction City campuses from Superintendent Dolly Matteucci on behalf of the OSH Executive Team. Please note it is a repeat of the message sent Monday evening.

Good morning,

Staff and patient safety is a priority at OSH. As part of our effort to keep everyone safe, OSH maintains a list of items that patients are prohibited from having or can access only on a limited basis. This list has recently been updated and will now be standardized throughout the hospital, across campuses, to prevent self-harm and harm to others

With patients moving between campuses and programs, it's important to provide consistency and ensure patients and staff have the same expectations about accessing their property and property restrictions.

Going forward, programs will no longer make unit-based decisions for patient property. Any exception from the approved list for an individual patient, must be present as an intervention in the patient's treatment care plan.

For example:

- A treatment team may allow chewing gum for a patient with sensory issues.
- A treatment team may require a patient to have extra supervision when using nail clippers.

Managers on all units are responsible for meeting and discussing program changes with patients in a community meeting. The Program Executive Team will create a plan with program management to coordinate and implement changes prior to **Jan. 17**, as well as be accountable for sustainability.

Most units will need approximately one week to complete these changes. The patients most affected will be those at the SRTF-level of care: Bridges units in Salem and Forest units in Junction City. Harbors units will also be affected.

A complete list of changes by program, along with staff and patient FAQs, is posted on the [OWL](#).

Permissions for patient access to jewelry and short pens/pencils are still being defined. The information will be shared on the OWL once it is finalized.

If a patient would like the information sent to their friends or family, please have them fill out the attached request form and submit it to [Ombuds & Family Services](#). We will add the information to patient visitor packets, and new lists will need to be inserted into the existing patient handbooks.

Thank you for your support as we move forward to increase safety and consistency for patients and staff.

Sincerely,

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