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BUFFALO, N.Y. (WKBW) - State and Federal law provides "Residents' Rights," which are typically those rights or guarantees given to nursing home residents.

Most cases against nursing homes stem from the facility's failure to provide appropriate health care and protective and supportive services.

These violations often result in serious physical injury and can contribute to an undignified existence for the elderly resident. In some cases, the resident may actually suffer no physical injury at all, but because of the violations, the resident is deprived of general well-being and his or her right to a dignified existence while residing in the nursing home.

The lack of care can result in injuries such as pressure sores that appear on a resident's skin and can lead to infection, the need for surgery, or even death. Appropriate nutrition and hydration are also essential for maintaining the health of an elderly nursing home resident. In facilities that are understaffed, there is often a lack of attention given to dietary intake.

As a result, poor nutritional status is common. It is every resident's right to expect that he or she will be properly nourished and hydrated in light of the mental or physical difficulties that may prevent them from eating and drinking on their own

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