

OLDER MICHIGANIANS ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 180 of 1981

400.586i State, local, or regional long-term care ombudsman and trained volunteers; access to long-term care facility; purpose; time; “access” defined.

Sec. 6i. The state long-term care ombudsman, the local or regional long-term care ombudsmen, and their trained volunteers shall be granted access to any long-term care facility for the purpose of carrying out section 6h of this act. For the state long-term care ombudsman and the local or regional long-term care ombudsmen, access shall be allowed each day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For ombudsman trained volunteers, access shall be allowed to nursing homes during regular visiting hours each day as required by section 20201(3)(b) of the public health code, Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section 333.20201 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. For ombudsman trained volunteers, access shall be allowed to homes for the aged, hospital long-term care units, and adult foster care homes each day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. As used in this section, “access” means the right to do all of the following:

- (a) Enter any facility and identify himself or herself.
- (b) Seek consent from a resident to communicate privately and without restriction with that resident.
- (c) Communicate privately and without restrictions with any resident who consents to communication.
- (d) Observe all resident areas of the facility except the living area of any resident who protests the observation.

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