Some Facts About Admission To

Highview Nursing Home 2800 Springdale Reed S. W. Atlanta, Georgia 30315

Highview Nursing Home is a privately operated, non profit philanthropy, governed by a self-perpetuating board of directors. (It is not under the direction of county officers). Service is limited to bona-fide residents of Fulton County and, to a lesser degree, DeKalb County. Application for admission is made directly to the administrator's office at the home. It is not necessary to have the endorsement of recommendation of friends or public officials. Acceptance of a patient is determined entirely on the basis of eligibility, need and availability of space.

Application is made on forms provided by Highview, one of which is a medical report and diagnosis to be made by the applicant's physician. Medical examination and judgement is required in order to determine whether Highview can properly serve the patient.

Because this community does not have adequate nursing home facilities, there is a considerable waiting list for admission to Highview, and acceptance is usually slow. Critical circumstances surrounding a patient are considered. Often it is best a patient be placed in any nursing home where space is available, pending a vacancy at Highview; and this will not lose the patient's priority for Highview admission.

Other factors affecting admission: Some patients floors are restricted to women, some to men; and a vacancy on the men's ward will not provide a bed for a woman on the waiting list. Some space is appropriate only for the care of ambulatory patients. About two-thirds of the space at Highview is devoted to patients whose financial circumstances require assistance from public welfare sources; and this ratio is maintained in considering all applications. Also the ratio between DeKalb and Fulton residents is maintained.

The officers of Highview are concerned that the services of the Home be made available to the community in equitable fashion. Our sole object is to serve those who need this care. However, our maximum capacity is only a fraction of the total need, and it is impossible to admit many who wish to enter here. Our most unhappy task is to deny those for whom we cannot find space.

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Harold T. Ward Administrator