

# *Did you receive a discharge notice?*

## **YOU HAVE RIGHTS!**

As a resident of a long-term care facility or nursing home, you have the responsibility to follow the rules of the facility. If you do not follow the rules, the facility has the right to discharge you.

**HOWEVER, you have rights in the discharge process.** You have protections under Idaho regulations, Idaho landlord/tenant law, federal Fair Housing law, and Medicaid requirements.

### **Your rights during discharge include:**

- **Proper Notice** – the facility must provide you with written notice, all requested documentation, and a proper amount of time to find another housing option
- **Right to Appeal** – you have the right to appeal your discharge and/or pursue legal action if the discharge is not correct
- **Getting Assistance** – you have the right to speak with your family, caregivers, the Ombudsman, an advocate, or a lawyer about your case
- **Staying in your Home** – you have the right to stay in your home while the discharge is pending, and not be locked-out or physically forced out. **YOU CANNOT BE FORCED-OUT OF YOUR HOME WITHOUT A COURT ORDER.**

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