

**17—9.5 (231) Objection to and termination of appointments to resident advocate committees.**

**9.5(1) *Filing an objection.*** A facility administrator who objects to a particular member's participation on the committee for that facility may file a written objection with the director. The objection shall be investigated as a confidential complaint, and all parties shall be notified of the director's decision.

**9.5(2) *Reasons for termination.*** A committee member's appointment may be terminated by the director for any of the following reasons:

- a.* Falsification of information on the application form;
- b.* Acting as a member prior to appointment;
- c.* Attending less than one-half of the meetings convened each year by the resident advocate committee chairperson;
- d.* Conviction of an illegal activity;
- e.* Breaching confidentiality;
- f.* Failure to attend approved training for two consecutive years; and
- g.* Actions which are found by the director to violate these rules or the intent of the state long-term care ombudsman program.

**9.5(3) *Notification of termination.*** The director shall notify, in writing, the committee chairperson and the facility of the termination of a resident advocate committee member's appointment.

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