

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR GROUPS

Nevada State Division of Public and Behavioral Health Health Care Quality and Compliance



RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR GROUPS is defined by NRS 449.017 "Residential facility for groups, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, 'residential facility for groups' means an establishment that furnishes food, shelter, assistance and limited supervision to a person with mental retardation or with a disability or a person who is aged or infirm."

WHAT IS A RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR GROUPS

Facilities range from three bed homes up to large 150 plus bed communities.

Some communities offer a range of independent living, assisted care, and memory care services. Facilities may choose to have specialty endorsements. These are described in the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/nac/NAC-449.html#NAC449Sec275>

They include: Assisted Living; Alzheimer's disease & Dementia; Mental Illness; Adults with Intellectual Disabilities and Chronic Illness.

With each endorsement, additional training or staffing may be required. The memory care component has specific regulations, i.e., staffing ratio of one caregiver to each six residents and additional staff training.

PROVIDING TRAINED STAFF

Administrators must be licensed by the Board of Examiners for Administrators for Long Term Care. The Administrator is legally responsible for the care of residents and the daily operation of the facility.

Caregiver means an employee of a residential facility who provides care, assistance or protective supervision to a resident of the facility. Caregivers must be First Aid & CPR certified. Eight hours of basic care giving training. Employees must receive adequate training on a regular basis to ensure they are capable of meeting the needs of the residents. Caregivers who assist residents with their medications must also complete medication administration training and pass an annual exam.

All administrators and their employees are trained in Elder Abuse Prevention and are mandated reporters.

There are approximately 350 Residential Facilities for Groups serving 6,581 seniors in Nevada.

Tired of being lonely? Come meet other seniors and enjoy the surroundings of the facility of your choice. Meet new people who are looking for new friends.

Whether you choose a three, ten or 150+ bed community, they must all be licensed by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

FINDING A GOOD COMMUNITY

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health website lists all licensed facilities in the State of Nevada. Included on the website are inspection reports which can assist you in your decision making process.

Prior to moving into your chosen community a medical assessment and tuberculosis testing must be completed.

A Residential Facility for Groups can retain residents who are on Hospice service as well as those receiving services provided by Home Health. There are, of course, certain prohibited health conditions as described in the Regulations.

HOW WILL YOU PAY

Most of the facilities accept private pay, long term care insurance and veteran's benefits. Some of the facilities accept the Medicaid Waiver.

Medicaid Waiver for Elderly In Adult Residential Care (WEARC) - This program provides a less restrictive alternative to nursing home care for individuals age 65 and older who can function in a group care home if attendant care such as toileting, feeding, oral care, dressing, bathing is made available.

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE - MAKING THE GRADE

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health has developed a grading system for all Residential Facility for Groups. This system is an excellent tool for those families wishing to place a loved one. To view facility inspections and check out their grade go to:

http://health.nv.gov/Deficiencies_Qry_AGC.asp

An "A" grade - the group home, when surveyed by the Division, may have been found to be deficiency free or as an example was found to have minimal paper work deficiencies.

A "B" grade – the group home had deficiencies that have a potential to cause harm to the health and safety, rights, security, welfare or wellbeing of the residents and/or multiple administrative issues were cited.

A "C" grade – the group home had deficiencies related to practices that have caused minimal harm to residents and/or multiple administrative issues were cited.

A "D" – the group home had deficiencies related to minimal to serious harm that has occurred to residents and/or multiple administrative issues were cited.

Facilities receiving a "C" or "D" grade must pay for a re-survey to try to obtain an "A" or "B" rating.

STANDARD SERVICES

- Onsite Trained Staff
- Meals
- Snacks
- Bathing
- Dressing
- Grooming
- Incontinence Care
- Medication Management
- Activities
- Housekeeping
- Laundry
- Transportation arranged
- Outings

ADDITIONAL SERVICES WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED

- Pets
- Podiatry care, outside service provider
- Home Health, outside service provider
- Hospice, outside service provider

WHAT ABOUT COMPLAINTS

Of course, each and every resident has a Bill of Resident Rights, but when there are concerns, all complaints should first be directed to the facility administrator and hopefully resolution can be achieved. If not, contact the Ombudsman office which is part of the Division Aging Services and Disability Services. The Ombudsman poster should be on display in all facilities.

Should you wish to file a complaint; the Division of Public and Behavioral Health website has an online reporting form.

http://health.nv.gov/HCQC/Forms/ONLINEFORM_P AIS.pdf

ENDORSEMENTS

The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance can approve endorsements that are requested by providers. Endorsements allow facilities to provide additional services. They include: Assisted Living; Alzheimer's care; Mental Illness; Mental Retardation and Chronic Illness.

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