

**Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Assisted Living Program
Re-certification Monitoring Evaluation Report**

Assisted Living Program:

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908 North Highway 69
Huxley, IA 50124

Date of Monitoring Visit:

April 27, 2005

Monitor(s):

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Definitions:

The following definitions are relevant:

Regulatory Insufficiency - A violation of a statutory or rule provision within the Iowa Code or Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) governing assisted living programs. A regulatory insufficiency requires a plan of correction to be presented to, and approved by, the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA).

Plan of Correction - A written response to one or more regulatory insufficiencies that are rule violations [321 IAC 25.8(3)]. The plan should identify how, and by a specific date, an insufficiency will be corrected. The plan is due to DIA within ten (10) working days of the program's receipt of a Re-certification Monitoring Evaluation Report. Depending on the circumstances, DIA may re-visit the assisted living program to confirm progress in fulfilling a plan's corrective measures.

Dementia-specific assisted living program - An assisted living program certified under this chapter that either serves five or more tenants with dementia or cognitive disorder staged between 4 and 7 on the Global Deterioration Scale or holds itself out as providing specialized care for persons with cognitive disorder or dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, in a dedicated setting.

Overview:

An on-site monitoring evaluation was conducted at Ballard Creek Assisted Living on April 27, 2005. In preparing this report, the following information was considered:

Current Program Census:

General Population Program (GPP) – Not applicable.

Dementia Specific Program (DSP) – A program that is a Dementia Specific Program by definition or holds itself out as providing specialized care in a dedicated setting but may have tenants without cognitive disorder.

Current number of tenants in a DSP that serves 5 or more tenants with dementia or cognitive disorder staged between 4 and 7 on the Global Deterioration Scale (GDS): 6

Current number of tenants without cognitive disorder: 29

Total Population: 35

Tenant/Family Satisfaction Results – A community meeting was held and tenants reported they feel safe and enjoy living at the program. Tenants reported the staff to be helpful with their personal cares when needed and respect their privacy. Tenants reported staff to be supportive in maintaining independence and making their own decisions about care and daily activities.

Complaint History – No substantiated complaints were found during this certification period.

On-Site Monitoring Evaluation – The monitor(s) made the observations detailed in the following areas.

A. Nurse Review - Program provides a registered nurse to ensure the appropriate administration and documentation of medications, ensure that physician orders are current, and assess and document the tenants' health related activities. [321 IAC 25.30]

Monitoring Observation: Five of five tenant files reviewed indicated the program nurse did not note physician orders for tenant medications and medical treatments.

- **Regulatory Insufficiency**: The program nurse did not ensure that physician orders were current by noting physician orders with signature, date, and time.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2005

**Ballard Creek Community Assisted Living
Plan of Correction
May 9, 2005**

Monitoring Observation: Five of five tenant files reviewed indicated the program nurse did not note physician orders for tenant medications and medical treatments.

Regulatory Insufficiency: The program nurse did not ensure that physician orders were current by noting physician orders with signature, date, and time.

Plan of Correction: Program nurse will ensure that physicians orders are current by noting the physicians orders with signature, date, and time. This practice was implemented immediately when the insufficiency was identified on April 27, 2005.

Prepared by Angie Gurius, Ballard Creek Administrator
May 9, 2005