

Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)
HCB Settings Heightened Scrutiny Questionnaire

Setting: Emeritus at Las Vegas

Location: 3025 East Russell Road Las Vegas, NV 89120

What are the licensure requirements or regulations for the setting?

This provider is required to obtain and maintain licensure from the State of Nevada's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC). Licensure regulations are dictated by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), specifically NRS 449.017, 449.030 – 449.094, 449.186, 449.199 and by Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), specifically 449.011 – 449.0119, 449.156 – 449.2768. These regulations can be found at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/law1.cfm> and within Appendix A.

How do the licensure requirements or regulations differ from institutional requirements and regulations?

The State of Nevada's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) licenses institutional settings as well, with some similar requirements and some differences. Nursing facility guidelines for obtaining and maintaining licensure are dictated by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), specifically 449.089 and 449.119 and by Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), specifically 449.016, 449.2748, 449.644, 449.797, and 449.744-449.74549. These regulations can be found at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/law1.cfm> and within Appendix B.

Differences in the requirements include service definitions, required content of clinical records, and numerous administrative based regulations, including quality assurance requirements; admission, transfer and discharge requirements; plan of care requirements; financial requirements; medical based quality of care requirements; physical environment requirements; and medical personnel requirements.

Residential housing or zoning requirements.

Zoning Classification: Office and Professional (C – P) Planned Landuse: CG – Commercial
General Land use Plan Area: Paradise.

The proximity to and scope of interactions with community settings used by individuals not receiving Medicaid funded HCBS.

The facility is located approximately 3 miles from a church and several shopping centers and stores. A minister comes to the facility on Thursdays to offer communion. The minister is a

volunteer. The majority of residents have a diagnosis of dementia or other mental disability and shopping trips or church attendance involves staff going with residents to ensure their health and safety and assist as needed due to the resident's mental and physical limitations.

Is public transportation easily accessible? Or, if public transportation is limited, what options are provided for transportation?

Due to the poor or declining mental status of most of the residents in this facility, the ability to use public transportation is limited. The facility administration provides a van for transportation for medical and non-medical appointments for the recipients in this facility. Residents are encouraged to attend community events and go shopping as often as possible.

Provider qualifications for staff employed in the setting. Demonstrate that staff are trained specifically for HCB support in a manner consistent with the HCB settings regulations.

All agency personnel, including owners, officers, administrators, managers, employees and consultants must undergo State and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background check upon licensure as a provider and then at a minimum of every five (5) years thereafter to ensure no convictions of applicable offenses have been incurred and the safety of recipients is not compromised. The DHCFP policy requires all waiver providers have State and Federal criminal history background checks completed. Criminal background checks must be conducted through the Nevada Department of Public Safety (DPS). Providers are required to initiate diligent and effective follow up for results of background checks within 90 days of submission of prints and continue until results are received.

Providers are responsible for maintaining certification, including the use of tax credits, as an assisted living facility in accordance with the provisions of NRS 319.147. Assisted Living staff providing direct care and support to residents will be trained in the functional care skills needed to care for each recipient. Training will include, but not be limited to, techniques such as transfers, mobility, positioning, use of special equipment, identification of signs of distress, First Aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Within 60 days of employment, the Assisted Living staff must receive not less than 4 hours of training related to the care of the residents. Additionally, Assisted Living staff must receive annually not less than eight (8) hours of training related to providing for the needs of the residents of the Assisted Living facility. If an Assisted Living staff assists a resident of the Assisted Living facility in the administration of any medication, including, without limitation, an over-the-counter medication or dietary supplement, the caregiver must receive training in medication administration/management. The training must include not less than three (3) hours of instruction in medication administration/management. The caregiver must receive such training at least every three (3) years, and must provide the facility with the documentation that the training requirements were satisfactorily met. Interpersonal and communication skills and appropriate attitudes for working effectively with recipients including: understanding care goals; respecting recipient's rights and needs; respect for age, cultural and ethnic differences; recognizing family relationships; respecting personal property; ethics in dealing with the recipient, family and other providers; handling conflicts and complaints and other topics that are pertinent. Assisted Living staff providing direct care and

support to recipients must: be at least 18 years of age, be responsible, mature, and have the personal qualities enabling him or her to understand the problems of the aged and disabled; demonstrate the ability to read, write, speak and understand the English language; possess the appropriate knowledge, skills and abilities to meet the needs of the residents of the Assisted Living facility; and must be knowledgeable about the use of any prosthetic devices or dental, vision, or hearing aids that the recipient is using.

What services are offered in the setting? Explain how these services support community integration and/or maximize autonomy.

One of the services offered to recipients is memory care. These are activities and learning programs conducted by staff and trained volunteers to teach recipients strategies to improve memory and attempt to prevent memory loss.

What procedures are used to ensure recipients are able to participate in activities in the greater community according to their preferences and interests? How is staff trained to support individual choice?

Staff is assigned to residents on a 1:6 ratio basis to provide personal care assistance as this is a residential program. Staff also assists residents with personal care and hygiene tasks on an as needed basis during activities. An Activities Director and activities staff are assigned to assist residents attending the memory care program as needed during activities. Some staff may be assigned to assist recipients who are in the respite program. These services encourage recipients to strive for independence and to strive to become socially active in the community and to remain in a safe, stable, and caring environment.