

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

Setting: Mason Valley Residence, LLC

Location: 705 South Street Yerington, NV

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?

Institutional licensure requirements differ from community based setting requirements. The State of Nevada's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) licenses these 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.

This business is run in Lyon County and is in a part of town that has mixed zoning of single-family residences, multiple family residences, a transitional use residence district and industrial. Due to the nature of the business, a special use permit is required per local city code 1973 Code 17.57.010, which would have been approved through the business licensing process.

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

This residence is located in a small town in a rural setting. Yerington features a cultural center that hosts performing arts events and community activities; numerous outdoor recreational areas including walking paths; multiple churches; a movie theater; a senior center; a library; city and regional parks; and golfing.

Per the facility, there are multiple community outings weekly and social and recreational activities. Residents are able to participate if they choose. The provider does provide transportation.

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

Due to the small community this residence is located in, with about 3,000 people living within the city limits, public transportation is not offered. The provider does transport recipients to medical appointments and community activities. Family and friends are also utilized, if available.

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.

This residence provides assisted living in a group setting for functionally impaired elderly recipients. These services ensure that recipients of the residence are safe, secure and adequately supervised. This includes assistance with basic self care and activities of daily living that include homemaker services; personal care services; chore services; companion services; therapeutic social and recreational services; meal preparation; and medication oversight.

These crucial services allow recipients to avoid institutional care while being able to continue to live in their community. Without these services, community integration and autonomy would be limited or non-existent in a nursing facility setting. Assistance with the upkeep of their physical environment, their personal care, nutritional needs, social needs, and medical needs allow recipients to maintain their autonomy to their maximum ability.

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?

This provider has an Activity Director who gains input from the residents in what activities they want to engage in within their community. This often includes bingo every week at the local library and dinners hosted by local community groups. Community groups keep residents updated on events by being invited into the residence to place their flyers on upcoming happenings. The provider did not state they have particular training in this area, but that they strive overall to support individual choice.