

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

Setting: Silver Sky at Deer Springs Assisted Living

Location: 8220 Silver Sky Drive. Las Vegas, NV 89145

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.

Residential Planned Development District(R-PDD)

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

Downtown is the closest proximity to and allows for a wide range of scope of interaction with community settings for residents at this facility. Located about 12 miles from the facility, residents who chose, can and do participate in outings, social and entertainment events as are

available, such attending events at the Smiths Center. Some of the events include, but are not limited to: listening to Jazz Music, watching movies and Hula dancers/dances.

The Summerlin Library is also greatly utilized with the residents due to proximity and availability of ongoing community events which the residents are informed about and encouraged to attend.

There are also various residential settings within blocks of the facility, further allowing for community settings interaction such as shopping (target, Wal-Mart, CVS), and banking.

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

Yes, public transportation is readily available for use such as the Silver Sky bus, taxi services, RTC and Uber. The facility assists especially assists with medical transportation on Mon, Wed, and Fri, but accommodations outside those set days are set on a need by need basis. Family is also encouraged and welcome to assist as needed. In all it is indicated that residents needs for transportation are met one way or another as many options are available, as is assistance to make for transportation arrangements PRN.

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 facility was stated to be all-inclusive community, with services such as restaurant like dining, with no special assignment. There are at least 6 ongoing activities daily which range from in-site to off-site availability for the recipients preferences. These range from games, movies, to general entertainment. There are ample community events to which the facility encourages residents' participation to support community integration and maximize autonomy.

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?

At the facility, the activities directors and volunteers work hard to ensure that the residents participate according to their desires and preferences. Again, while no one is forced, all are encouraged to assist with social skills and interaction opportunities with others.

It is indicated that the volunteers only assist with running/conducting various games in the facility and much time is spend training them on how to interact with the residents, to recognize, when issues are/concerns are present, engage the staff PRN, and exercise conflict- resolution mechanisms.

The activity coordinator handles all outdoor/out of the facility engagements and recognizes that all participants have the right to participate/interact at their own time. Activity reminders are provided daily, and monthly calendar of events is also distributed so as to ensure the residents have the opportunity to choose activities/events as preferred.

Residents were indicated to have a moderate cognition level, thus understand various activities, and are able to notify staff of the event they want or do not want to participate in. Individual choices are respected at all times