

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

Assisted Living Program:

Noel Sherer, Administrator
Rose Vista Assisted Living
1109 Normal Street
Woodbine, IA 51579

Date of Monitoring Visit:

August 20, 2004

Monitor(s):

Sherrie McDonald, RN

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 Rose Vista Assisted Living on August 20, 2004. In preparing this report, the following information was considered:

Current Program Census: 7

General Population Program -

Current General Population ALP Census: 7

Number of tenants with dementia: 1

Tenant/Family Satisfaction Results – Seven tenants attended the community meeting. The tenants stated they were allowed to make their own decision. They participated in program activities and felt the staff was well trained. They were satisfied with the food and had recommended the program to other friends and family.

Complaint History – No complaints on file for this certification period.

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

A. Evaluation of Tenant - The program evaluates each tenant's functional and cognitive abilities and health status and the determination of needed services as required. [321 IAC 25.23(1) and/or (2)]

Monitoring Observation: The program completes evaluation of the tenant's functional ability, cognitive ability and health status at admission and 30 days. Of the two files reviewed, there were not annual evaluations assessing the tenant's functional ability, cognitive ability and health status.

- Regulatory Insufficiency: The program has not completed annual assessments on the tenants.

B. Medications – Program has a comprehensive written medication policy that allows tenant self-administration, but accommodates the need for tenant medication assistance via nurse delegation. The medication assistance is appropriately supervised and administered. Medications are appropriately stored. [321 IAC 25.29(1) and/or (2)]

Monitoring Observation: Two program tenants self-administer their medications. The program sets up medication reminder boxes for two tenants, and the staff then reminds and observes the tenants taking their medications. The medication reminder boxes are left in the tenant's rooms unsecured. The program administers medications to the remaining three tenants. The program-administered medications are delivered in Opus Cassettes and stored in locked tackle boxes in the tenant's rooms.

- Regulatory Insufficiency: The program does not secure all medications the program has been delegated partial or complete responsibility for administration.

C. Food Service – Program shall provide or coordinate with other community providers to provide hot or other appropriate meal(s) at least once a day or make arrangements for the availability of meals. Menus shall be appropriately planned. If applicable, therapeutic diets shall meet all requirements. Food preparation personnel shall meet all requirements. [321 IAC 25.32]

Monitoring Observation: The program has food prepared by the attached nursing home, and a dietician approves the menus. At least one person has attended the state approved training program. The program's staff serves the food to tenants once it is delivered to the dining room. The program staff has no documented orientation on sanitation and safe handling of food.

- Regulatory Insufficiency: The program staff has not received training on safe food handling and sanitation.

Dated this 31th day of August, 2004.