

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

Assisted Living Program:

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705 W. 7th Street
Alta, IA 51002

Date of Monitoring Visit:

August 4, 2004

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 Wel-Life at Alta on August 4, 2004. In preparing this report, the following information was considered:

Current Program Census: 25

General Population Program -

Current General Population ALP Census: 25

Number of tenants with dementia: 3

Dementia Specific Program – Not applicable.

Tenant/Family Satisfaction Results – Sixteen tenants attended the community meeting. The tenants were in agreement the program was very clean, home-like and liked the quiet atmosphere. They also felt the staff were warm and friendly. The tenants were also very positive about the food served at the program. A family member interviewed also agreed with the tenants' statements.

Complaint History – There were substantiated complaints in services and staffing during this certification period.

On-Site Monitoring Evaluation – There were no regulatory insufficiencies found during this certification period.

Dated this 9th day of August, 2004.