

**Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Assisted Living Program
Recertification Monitoring Evaluation Report**

Assisted Living Program:

Mr. Troy Anderson, Administrator
Valley Lodge Assisted Living
1118 East Hwy 20
Correctionville, IA 51016

Date of Monitoring Visit:

February 23, 2006

Monitor(s):

Hal L. Chase, RN BSN MPH

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 Recertification Monitoring Evaluation Report. Depending on the circumstances, DIA may revisit 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 Valley Lodge Assisted Living on February 23, 2006. In preparing this report, the following information was considered:

Current Program Census:

General Population Program (GPP)* – A program that is not a Dementia Specific program, but may have tenants with cognitive disorder.

Current number of tenants without cognitive disorder:	6
Current number of tenants with cognitive disorder:	0
Total Population:	6

Dementia Specific Program (DSP)* – Not applicable.

***These are the census numbers represented by the program to be applicable.**

Tenant/Family Satisfaction Results – A community meeting was held with five tenants. Tenants report they are pleased with the housekeeping and the overall cleanliness of the program. Tenants state staff are courteous and are trained to provide the care they require. Tenants report the nurse is accessible as is the administrator. Tenants report they like the food and how it is prepared. Tenants report they are getting the services they are paying for and would recommend this program to family and friends.

Complaint History – There were no substantiated complaints 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: Two of three tenant files reviewed indicate the program does not consistently evaluate tenant's functional and health status on an annual basis. One tenant file indicates the program did not complete a cognitive evaluation within 30 days of admission to the program.

- Regulatory Insufficiency: The program does not consistently evaluate each tenant's functional, cognitive, and health status within 30 days of admission to the program and annually.

B. Nurse Review - Program provides a registered nurse to ensure the appropriate administration and documentation of medications, ensure that physician orders are current, and assess and document the tenants' health related activities. [321 IAC 25.30]

Monitoring Observation: Three of three tenant files indicate the program does not complete a nurse review every 90 days for tenants who receive personal and health-related care. The program nurse stated she was not aware a nurse review was required every 90 days.

- Regulatory Insufficiency: The program does not complete a nurse review every 90 days on each tenant who receives personal and/or health-related care from the program staff.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2006.