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July 16, 2008

Mr. Jeremy Gerrish, Administrator
Highland Ridge Assisted Living
100 Village View Drive
Williamsburg, IA 52361

RE: Recertification Monitoring Evaluation Report, Highland Ridge AL, Williamsburg, IA

Dear Mr. Gerrish:

Enclosed is the **Recertification Monitoring Evaluation Report** completed by the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) pursuant to the Code of Iowa Chapter 231C and the Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 25. **No Regulatory Insufficiencies were found during this visit.**

The recertification process entails other requirements that are not yet completed. The document review process is still ongoing and upon completion the certificate will be issued.

If you have any questions regarding this certification, please contact me at 515-281-5721.

Sincerely,



Chris Nothaft *for*
Certification Coordinator - Eastern Iowa
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**Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Assisted Living Program
Final Recertification Monitoring Evaluation Report**

Assisted Living Program:

Mr. Jeremy Gerrish, Administrator
Highland Ridge Assisted Living
100 Village View Drive
Williamsburg, IA 52361

Date of Monitoring Visit:

July 1, 2008

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 an Initial Certification 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 Highland Ridge Assisted Living on July 1, 2008. In preparing this report, the following information was considered:

Current Program Census:

General Population Program (GPP)* – Not applicable.

Dementia Specific Program (DSP)* – A program that is a Dementia Specific Program by definition or holds itself out as providing specialized care in a dedicated setting but may have tenants without cognitive disorder.

Current number of tenants without cognitive disorder: 44

Current number of tenants in a DSP that holds itself out as providing specialized care in a dedicated setting: 7

Total Population: 51

***These are the census numbers represented by the program to be applicable at the time of the on-site.**

Tenant/Family Satisfaction Results – A community meeting was held in the chapel with 33 tenants in attendance. Tenants like living at the program and stated it is a nice place to live. One tenant stated they had lived at other programs but Highland Ridge is the best program in the state. Staff are supportive, considerate and are always welcoming. Staff knows what needs to be done for each of them. The food is good with variety of fresh fruits and vegetables and is always served hot and on time. Tenants like the activities offered, feel safe living at the program and receive excellent service. Tenants make their own decisions and the nurse encourages them to make their own decisions. Tenants call staff and it takes less than 15 minutes to respond. Tenants are satisfied with the program and would recommend the program to friends and family.

Program History – There were substantiated Regulatory Insufficiencies during this certification period in the areas of: Evaluation of Tenant, Service Plan, Medications, Nurse Review, Staffing, Record Checks and Other.

On-Site Monitoring Evaluation – The monitor(s) made the observations detailed in the following areas. There were no regulatory insufficiencies noted during this on-site evaluation.

Dated this 30th day of July, 2008.