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August 7, 2008

Jeanette Digmann, Administrator
Ellen Kennedy Living Center
1177 7Th St SW
Dyersville, IA 52040-2513

**RE: Recertification Monitoring Evaluation Report, Ellen Kennedy Living Center,
Dyersville, IA**

Dear Ms. Digmann:

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 515-281-4116.

Sincerely,



Chris Nothhaft
Certification Coordinator - Eastern Iowa
Adult Services Bureau

Enclosure

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

Assisted Living Program:

Jeanette Digmann, Administrator
Ellen Kennedy Living Center
1177 7Th St SW
Dyersville, IA 52040-2513

Date of Monitoring Visit:

August 4, 2008

Monitor(s):

Lincoln Newsom, 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 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 Ellen Kennedy Living Center on August 4, 2008. 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:	30
Current number of tenants with cognitive disorder:	3
Total Population:	33

***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 with 21 tenants. Tenants stated the program is kept clean, neat and is a friendly environment. Staff responds quickly if called for assistance and they are excellent care givers. The food quality is good and choices are offered. Tenants felt there are enough activities offered and a good variety. All tenants stated they felt safe in the program, are getting the services they are paying for and they make there own decisions. If there were a medical emergency, all tenants have personal call pendants they would use. If any changes were to be made, one tenant wished the Administrator would allow tenants to have pets in the building. Tenants stated they would recommend this program to friends, acquaintances and family.

Program History – There have been no Regulatory Insufficiencies this past certification period.

On-Site Monitoring Evaluation – During the course of this on-site, **there were no Regulatory Insufficiencies noted.**

Dated this 7th day of August, 2008