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Ms. Kari Wittmeyer, Director
Ellen Kennedy Living Center
1177 7th Street S.W.
Dyersville, IA 52040

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

Dear Ms. Wittmeyer:

Enclosed is the **Final Recertification Monitoring Evaluation Report** completed by the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 231C and Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) chapters 481—67 and 481—69. **No Regulatory Insufficiencies were found during this evaluation.**

The review of the recertification documents you submitted has been completed and the documents are accepted. In addition, the State Fire Marshal's (SFM) inspection report has been received as well as the Facility Engineer's approval of the Evacuation Plans for your program.

Enclosed you will find the Assisted Living Program Certificate **S0155** with effective dates of **September 27, 2012** through **September 26, 2014**.

If you have any questions in regard to this certification, please contact me at 515/281-4116.

Sincerely,

Jim Berkley

Jim Berkley
Program Coordinator
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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS
Assisted Living Program
Final Recertification Monitoring Evaluation Report

Assisted Living Program:

Kari Wittmeyer, Director
Ellen Kennedy Living Center
1177 7th Street S.W.
Dyersville, IA 52040

Date of Monitoring Visit:

July 10, 2012

Monitor(s):

Stephanie Cummins, MA
Margaret Kaltefleiter, RN MS

Definitions: *The following definitions are relevant:*

Assisted Living Program – A program certified under 481 IAC 69 that provides housing with contracted services to three or more tenants in a physical structure that provides a homelike environment. Services may include but are not limited to health-related care, personal care, and assistance with instrumental activities of daily living. A General Population Program is an Assisted Living Program that is not dementia-specific but may have tenants with cognitive disorder.

Dementia-Specific Assisted Living Program - An assisted living program certified under 481 IAC 69 that serves fewer than fifty-five (55) tenants and has five (5) or more tenants who have dementia between Stages 4 and 7 on the Global Deterioration Scale (GDS), or serves 55 or more tenants and 10 percent or more of the tenants have dementia between Stages 4 and 7 on the GDS, or holds itself out as providing specialized care for persons with dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, in a dedicated setting.

Regulatory Insufficiency - A violation of a statutory or rule provision within the Code of Iowa (2011) or the 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 statutory or rule violations. The plan should identify how and by what date each regulatory insufficiency will be corrected, and what measures will be taken to ensure the problem does not recur. The plan is due to DIA within ten (10) working days of the program's receipt of a Complaint/Incident Investigation Report. Depending on the circumstances, DIA may revisit the assisted living program to confirm progress in fulfilling a plan's corrective measures.

Overview: *In preparing this report, the following information was considered:*

Current Program Census

Assisted Living Programs are defined by the type of population served. The census numbers were provided by the Program at the time of the on-site.

General Population Program	
Number of tenants without cognitive disorder:	25
Number of tenants with cognitive disorder:	3
Total Population of Program at time of on-site	28
TOTAL census of Assisted Living Program	28

Tenant/Family Satisfaction Results – A community meeting with nine tenants and one family member was held. The tenants said they liked everything about living at the Program and there wasn't anything not to like about living at the Program. Housekeeping and laundry services were completed to their satisfaction. The tenants said the maintenance staff was good and maintenance issues were addressed quickly, at times within 15 minutes. The tenants liked having the secured door; however, there was a request to see if the numbers on the key pad for the secured door could be larger. Staff responded very quickly, within five minutes, when tenants called for assistance and nursing services were available. The tenants said one could not find better staff and staff were trained to provide the services needed. They said staff was so respectful and very commendable. They described the food as excellent and good and said they received too much food. There was a variety of meats, vegetables and desserts offered and alternates were available. Staff served them appropriately, the temperature of the food was appropriate and the plates were hot. The meat was always tender and one tenant said the Program had the best roast beef. There were many activities offered and they received a monthly calendar of activities. They enjoyed gambling, cards, Bingo, going out to eat, shopping, entertainment, and a video bowling game. The tenants said they were asked for their input on activities. They felt very safe at the Program and made their own decisions. They would absolutely recommend the Program to others and said it was the next best place to being at home. One tenant said coming to the Program was the best thing the tenant ever did. The tenants said the staff and office staff made it a great place.

Program History – The Program did not receive any regulatory insufficiencies during this certification period.

On-Site Monitoring Evaluation – The monitor(s) made observations detailed in the following areas. **There were no regulatory insufficiencies found during this onsite recertification monitoring evaluation.**