

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE ASSISTED LIVING METHODOLOGY

The change to the Assisted Living Methodology sets the maximum number of beds any one applicant can apply for in one application cycle at 80. This will distribute the beds among providers to give prospective residents a choice of services. A National Study of Assisted Living for the Frail Elderly by the US Department of Health and Human Services in 1999 concludes that the average number of beds in an Assisted Living Facility is 53. 21% have 51 to 100 beds and 12% have more than 100 beds. The eighty bed limit is greater than the national average and reflects the expected growth of the industry.

An exception to allow a permit for a facility that will serve low income persons has been added. This will allow a POA for a facility to serve low income regardless of population based need, if there are no facilities in the service area serving low income persons.

A clarification has been added to prevent an operator of a Nursing Home or RCF with a high level deficiency in a survey from applying for Assisted Living.