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**To: Licensed Residential Facility Providers****Subject: Assisted Living Service through the Medicaid Aged and Disabled Waiver****Overview**

This bulletin clarifies a portion of the Assisted Living Medicaid Waiver Services rules, *460 IAC 8-1-5*, which deals with participating as a provider of assisted living service under the Medicaid Aged and Disabled Waiver. The rules have an effective date of April 8, 2004, and provide for certain criteria that differ if a facility was operating as a licensed residential health facility before or after the rule's effective date.

***Facility Requirements if the Facility Was in Operation and Licensed Before April 8, 2004***

1. 160 square feet of livable floor space, excluding the bathroom
2. A sleeping area, not necessarily designated as a separate bedroom from the living area
3. A semiprivate bath or shower
4. A kitchenette that contains a refrigerator, a food-preparation area, and a microwave
5. Access to a stovetop with an oven for hot food preparation in a common area in the facility
6. Single units, unless the resident chooses to live in a dual-occupied unit, and both residents consent to the arrangement

***Facility Requirements if the Facility Was in Operation and Licensed on or after April 8, 2004***

1. 220 square feet of livable floor space, excluding the bathroom
2. A bedroom
3. A private bath; the bathroom must be wheelchair accessible, and a minimum of 10 percent of the bath units in the facility must have roll-in shower capability.

*Note: Roll-in shower capability, for the purpose of this bulletin, means that the shower area may be accessed by individuals able to roll directly into the shower; or the shower may be equipped with a fixed or movable mechanism (ramp, collapsible lip, and so on) that enables the person to enter the shower area via a wheelchair or other water-tolerant equipment, such as a shower chair.*

4. A substantial living area
5. A kitchenette that contains a refrigerator, food-preparation area, and microwave or stovetop for hot food preparation

*Note: A stovetop with an oven for hot food preparation in a common area in the facility is encouraged but not required.*

6. Individual thermostats
7. Single units, unless the resident chooses to live in a dual-occupied unit, and both residents consent to the arrangement

### **Unit Modifications**

The Division of Aging is aware that some facilities will need modifications to their bath areas to be compliant with these requirements. There are several innovative solutions for modifying existing shower units so they have “roll-in” capability. Please contact your local area’s agency on aging or the Division of Aging for a current list of providers who may be able to assist in making modifications to existing units.

### **Facility Certified to Participate but Number of Admissions Optional**

All units in a licensed residential facility are certified to participate in the waiver program. A facility is not required to accept a certain number of waiver clients, nor are facilities restricted as to how many they may admit.

### **Rules to Be Amended**

While this bulletin clarifies existing rules and a slight change in policy, the Division of Aging will communicate changes to the rule to more clearly state the requirements of 460 IAC 8-1 and will advise providers as that task proceeds.

### **Contact Information**

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