

Assisted Living Workgroup Objectives

Examination of the regulation and oversight of assisted living in Florida and develop recommendations to improve the state's ability to monitor quality and safety in assisted living and ensure the well being of their residents.

Evaluate and make recommendations regarding:

Regulation

- Enhanced regulatory oversight of troubled facilities and a streamlined regulatory process for facilities with a favorable regulatory history
- Roles of various oversight and regulatory agencies, collaboration to improve oversight and protections, and use of findings by another regulatory agency in agency actions
- Enforcement action including mandatory sanctions, revocation or denial and related due process
- Licensure structure including types of licensure by size, specialty, and residents served
- Qualifications and training of assisted living administrators, management, staff, and assisted living core trainers
- Limited mental health services in assisted living facilities including specialty license qualification, staff preparation, community support, facility size, resident needs and comingling of diverse resident populations
- Frequency of inspection and monitoring and the resource impact of changes
- Evaluation of the assisted living fee structure as it relates to paying the cost of regulation

Consumer Information and Choice

- Consumer information regarding assisted living facilities including indicators of quality, services and programs offered, and staffing.
- Availability and use of information regarding facility and resident characteristics
- Assisted living resident rights, responsibilities and shared risk
- Reporting complaints and concerns about care of services in assisted living facilities

Long Term Care Services and Access

- Medicaid reimbursement and managed long term care
- Improving payer access to information and indicators of quality in assisted living
- Improving identification of elder abuse through collaboration between regulatory agencies and incident reporting
- Access to adequate care for indigent residents

Note: Consider Adult Family Care Homes