



PENNSYLVANIA ASSISTED LIVING ASSOCIATION

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1,362

Licensed Personal Care Homes & Assisted Living Residences in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

957

For Profit Personal Care Homes & Assisted Living Residences in PA

405

Non-Profit Personal Care Homes & Assisted Living Residences in PA

50,000

Pennsylvanians Work in Licensed Personal Care Homes & Assisted Living Residences

68,000

Total Personal Care Home & Assisted Living Residence Capacity in PA

48,000

Total Number of Persons Served in Personal Care Homes & Assisted Living Residences in PA

SUPPORT PERSONAL CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING BASED LONG TERM CARE OPTIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN PENNSYLVANIA!

Facts

- Pennsylvania has the second largest senior population in the country.
- Assisted Living Residences have some of the highest consumer satisfaction ratings among long term care and health care facilities.
- Assisted Living Residences come in a wide variety of sizes from small communities in private residences to large multi-campus settings.
- The largest Personal Care Home/Assisted Living Residence in Pennsylvania has a maximum capacity of more than 250 persons.
- The average maximum capacity of a Personal Care Home/Assisted Living Residence in Pennsylvania is 50.
- The average number of persons served at a Personal Care Home/Assisted Living Residence in Pennsylvania is 36.
- Assisted Living Residences are less restrictive and more home-like than nursing homes and other institutional settings.

Assisted Living Licensure

On July 25, 2007 Act 56 was signed into law requiring the Department of Public Welfare to adopt regulations for a new licensure category called assisted living residences. Prior to Act 56 there was no legal definition of assisted living residences and by statute adult living residences that were licensed as Personal Care Homes were prohibited from providing a home and community based option for senior who qualified for a higher level of care. Passage of Act 56, and thus Pennsylvania's new assisted living licensure has recognized that assisted living is an alternative to skilled nursing care. Pennsylvania now supports policies regarding aging in place and has brought the Commonwealth into alignment with the rest of the country.

PALA's Public Policy Priorities

As the organization serving as the "voice" for Assisted Living Residences throughout the state, we support legislation and regulatory oversight of assisted living. PALA played a key role in assisting with the passage of Act 56 and the subsequent drafting of regulations.

However, PALA still has concerns regarding some barriers that we see that limits Assisted Living in flourishing; chief among these is inordinate licensure fees.

PALA will work with the new administration, and members of the General Assembly to ensure that the nature of our relationship is one of collaboration. The need to provide meaningful oversight of Personal Care Homes and Assisted Living Residences is critical because without a supportive relationship, the number of providers willing to operate in the Commonwealth could be jeopardized.

The Pennsylvania Assisted Living Association provides education, unity, advocacy, and interaction with our sole purpose of raising awareness through education of the public, private, regulatory, and legislative sectors. PALA is recognized as an association dedicated to helping Personal Care Homes and Assisted Living providers address relevant issues and challenges as they arise in the emerging industry.