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Division of Healthcare Access & Quality and Health Protection

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Staffing Exception Request for Assisted Living Centers Physically Attached to a Nursing Facility or Hospital

To request a staffing exception permitted by the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 44:70:03:02.01(4), the facility must complete the information listed below.

Please place a checkmark by each item to acknowledge compliance. This compliance must be continued throughout the licensing year unless otherwise amended.

Assisted Living Centers 17 to 25 beds. One staff person who is awake is allowable during sleeping hours (10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) if the following items are met:

- The building is equipped with a fire alarm system that promptly alerts staff.
- The building is equipped with an automatic sprinkler system as defined in § 9.7, automatic sprinklers, of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2012 edition.
- The building is equipped with an automatic fire alarm dialer as defined in § 9.6.4, Emergency Forces Notification, of NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2012 edition, to summon the local fire department. **Please list the name, location, and phone number of monitoring agency:**
- A fire annunciator panel is provided at the nursing facility or hospital nurses station.
- A staff call system is available in accordance with 44:70:02:17(3) and staff carries a device that registers and audible and visual signal if the call system is activated.
- Residents have an evacuation score which shows them capable of evacuation in eight minutes or less.
- The building is a single story.
- There is no resident residing here who is not capable of self-preservation and requires limited assistance of one staff. ARSD 44:70:01:05 Restrictions of acceptance and retaining of residents.
- Facility has a plan in place to increase staffing during times of resident illnesses.
- Facility has exit alarms.
- The staff person carries a device that can summon assistance from the attached nursing home or hospital.
- There is no resident residing here who requires two staff for activities of daily living. ARSD 44:70:01:05 (6) restrictions on acceptance and retaining of residents.

Attach to this request fire drills for the last six months to verify the fire drill evacuation times.

Administrator signature

Date

Facility name & address