

Clarification Regarding Level V Services

Alaska Pioneer Homes

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This clarification supplements the Levels of Service information found in the About Our Homes booklet (page 7) and the Admissions and Discharge booklet (page 9).

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Level V services, which include all services that exceed Level IV services, are currently offered only at the Anchorage Pioneer Home, specifically within the nine-bed Sunrise Neighborhood.

Residents requiring Level V care will be assessed and placed accordingly, with consideration given to both availability and appropriateness of care within this specialized neighborhood.

This service limitation is due to the intensive staffing needs associated with Level V care. Residents at this level require a staffing ratio of three staff members per one resident. Currently, the Division does not have the additional staffing resources necessary to support Level V services at other Pioneer Home locations.

Levels of Service

The Alaska Pioneer Homes offers five levels of service. Each resident receives a comprehensive assessment to identify her or his appropriate service level.

Level I Services include housing, meals, emergency assistance, opportunities for recreation, and required transportation for recreation; the resident is independent in activities of daily living;

Level II Services include level I services, medication management, and assistance with up to two activities of daily living; during the night shift, the resident is independent in performing activities of daily living and capable of self-supervision;

Level III Services include (A) and (B) of the following: (A) level I services, medication management, and one of the following: (i) assistance with up to four activities of daily living; or (ii) assistance with up to two activities of daily living and behavior management, excluding complex behaviors; or (iii) assistance with up to two activities of daily living and nursing services as described in AS 47.33.020; (B) during the night shift, assistance with activities of daily living, limited to an average of two times per week;

Level IV services include level I services, medication management, assistance with five or more activities of daily living, behavior management, excluding complex behaviors, and nursing services as described in AS 47.33.020; services will be provided 24 hours a day;

Level V services include all services that exceed level IV services, are currently offered only at the Anchorage Pioneer Home within the nine-bed Sunrise Neighborhood.

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