

CRITERIA FOR ASSISTED LIVING



EATING

Only minimal staff assistance should be needed at mealtime. The resident is generally able to feed her/himself, using good table manners.



SPECIAL DIET

A registered dietician oversees the preparation of therapeutic diets, so a special diet is no problem.



DRESSING

A resident should be dressed appropriately in public areas. Staff may provide moderate assistance in dressing, such as getting clothes out, buttoning, tying shoes, etc.



THERAPIES

Moderate physical, occupational and speech therapy may be performed, and is billed separately.



COMMUNICATION SKILLS

A resident must have a system of communication, either verbal, written or nonverbal.



BATHING & GROOMING

A resident may receive moderate assistance with bathing and personal hygiene.



MENTAL AWARENESS & MEMORY

Some moderate confusion is acceptable as long as behavior is socially acceptable and the resident can respond to minimal cueing.



TOILETING

Staff may assist in the management of incontinence. Disposable briefs are acceptable, but use of bedside commodes is acceptable on a short term basis only.



SKILLED NURSING CARE

Some nursing procedures (for example, IV administration) classified as “skilled care” may be performed up to 120 days per year. The services of a licensed home health agency will be engaged for this service, and billed separately.



SOCIAL SKILLS

A resident must be able to function appropriately in a social setting and may not exhibit disruptive behavior which cannot be easily corrected with management techniques. Provoking or agitating other residents verbally or physically, or entering other residents' apartments without permission is not acceptable. The resident cannot be a flight risk.



MOBILITY & TRANSFERRING

A resident must be able to turn in bed, bear weight and transfer from bed to chair with the assistance of only one staff member. While mechanical lifts are inappropriate for assisted living, they may be permitted with an additional fee. The use of a wheelchair, scooter, walker or cane is fine.