



## MEMORANDUM

TO: LifeSpan Assisted Living Community Members

FROM: Danna Kauffman  
Senior Vice President of Public Policy

DATE: Friday, December 19, 2008

RE: Assisted Living Regulations

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## ATTENTION

# ASSISTED LIVING REGULATION REVISIONS

WILL BE EFFECTIVE

DECEMBER 29, 2008

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On December 19<sup>th</sup>, the Office of Health Care Quality submitted final notice of the assisted living regulations in the Maryland Register. **These regulations will go into effect December 29, 2008.** It is our understanding, however, that OHCQ will not begin enforcing these regulations on December 29<sup>th</sup>. While each assisted living community needs to begin compliance efforts, OHCQ understands that there needs to be an “implementation period.” Within the next few weeks, OHCQ will be sending all assisted living communities a transmittal that provides dates for implementation of the

requirements as well as clarifies many outstanding issues, such as “acceptable documentation for requirements.” LifeSpan representatives will be meeting with OHCQ to discuss the contents of this transmittal prior to it being issued.

To assist our members, LifeSpan has taken the following steps:

1. **REVIEW TOOLS:** A two-page operation chart and 14-page in-depth comparison chart of the new regulations against current regulations are contained in this packet.
2. **TRAINING:** An information seminar will be held on Friday, January 16, 2009 at LifeSpan. Participants at this session will include LifeSpan staff and representatives from OHCQ (Wendy Kronmiller, Director), the Board of Pharmacy and Board of Nursing. A registration form is contained in this packet.
3. **CONFERENCE CALLS:** Given the complexity of these regulations, LifeSpan will be holding quarterly conference calls with its assisted living communities. These conference calls will allow providers to share implementation issues/concerns. Prior to each conference call, LifeSpan’s Assisted Living Task Force will be meeting with representatives from OHCQ to discuss issues, etc. LifeSpan members can receive updates on these meetings with OHCQ on these quarterly conference calls. Call-in information will be provided closer to each date. The schedule for conference calls is:
  - First Quarter – January 30, 2009, 10-11 am
  - Second Quarter – April 24, 2009, 10-11 am
  - Third Quarter – July 31, 2009, 10-11 am
  - Fourth Quarter – October 30, 2009, 10-11 am
4. **REGIONAL MEETINGS:** This summer, LifeSpan will be holding regional meetings of our membership to better ascertain the impact these regulations are having on provider operations and what changes may be necessary to the regulations in the future. Details on dates and locations will be sent out at a later date.

If you have any questions/issues concerning these regulations, please do not hesitate to contact Danna Kauffman at [dkauffman@lifespan-network.org](mailto:dkauffman@lifespan-network.org) or at 410-279-5572. Thank you.

