## Administrator Alert

Policy updates & rule clarifications for Assisted Living, Residential Care & Nursing Facilities

Office of Licensing & Quality - Oregon Department of Human Services

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## Administrator Alert - CLARIFICATION

Residential Care and Assisted Living Facility Rules

This is a clarification of the October 31, 2007 Administrator Alert, which stated that implementation date for the new assisted living and residential care facilities rules would be January 1, 2008.

The effective date for Oregon Administrative Rule 411-054-0000, Residential Care and Assisted Living Facilities is November 1, 2007. However, facilities have until January 1, 2008 to come into compliance with the new requirements in the rule.

Where there is an increase in standards from the previous rules, the Department will provide technical assistance to providers to assist them in meeting the new rule. In addition, through January 1, 2008, if the provider is out of compliance with new rules, the department will consider the provider's efforts to meet the new standards when considering corrective action. As always, providers are expected to insure the health and safety of residents.

During the next two months we will be sending out information on new forms and answers to frequently asked questions during training.

If you were not able to attend the training for the RCF and ALF rules that information is now on the DHS Web site. You can review or download the material at www. oregon.gov/DHS/spd and click on "Get Provider Tools." You will find Power Point presentations on the new administrative rules and survey protocols. In addition you can also download the "Oregon Residential Care and Assisted Living Facilities, Abuse Reporting and Investigation Guide.





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