

1230-A - ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

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03/01/13, 05/01/13, 10/01/13, 10/17/19**I. PURPOSE**

This Policy applies to ALTCS E/PD and Fee-For-Service (FFS) Programs including: Tribal ALTCS Program. This Policy establishes requirements for Assisted Living Facilities designed for ALTCS members who are physically or functionally unable to live in their own home, but do not need the care intensity of a nursing facility.

II. DEFINITIONS**ADULT FOSTER CARE
(AFC) HOME**

An Alternative HCBS Setting that provides room and board, supervision, and coordination of necessary adult foster care services within a family type environment for at least one and no more than four adult residents who are ALTCS members.

**ALTERNATIVE HOME AND
COMMUNITY BASED
SERVICES (HCBS) SETTING**

A living arrangement where a member may reside and receive HCBS. The setting shall be approved by the director, and either (1) licensed or certified by a regulatory agency of the state, or (2) operated by the IHS, an Indian tribe or tribal organization, or an urban Indian organization, and has met all the applicable standards for state licensure, regardless of whether it has actually obtained the license. The possible types of settings include:

1. For a person with a developmental disability:
 - a. Community residential settings,
 - b. Group homes,
 - c. State-operated group homes,
 - d. Group foster homes,
 - e. Adult behavioral health therapeutic homes,
 - f. Behavioral health residential facilities,
 - g. Behavioral health respite homes, and
 - h. Substance abuse transitional facilities.
2. For a person who is Elderly and Physically Disabled (E/PD):
 - a. Adult foster care homes,
 - b. Assisted living homes or assisted living centers, units only,
 - c. Adult behavioral health therapeutic homes,
 - d. Behavioral health residential facilities,
 - e. Behavioral health respite homes, and
 - f. Substance abuse transitional facilities.

**SECTION 1230 – HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICE
SETTINGS****ASSISTED LIVING CENTER
(ALC)**

A facility that provides resident rooms or residential units, supervision, and coordination of necessary services to 11 or more residents as defined in A.R.S. §36-401. Members residing in an ALC shall be provided the choice of single occupancy.

**ASSISTED LIVING HOME
(ALH)**

An Alternative HCBS Setting that provides room and board, supervision, and coordination of necessary services to 10 or fewer residents.

**ASSISTED LIVING
FACILITY (ALFs)**

A residential care institution that provides supervisory care services, personal care services or directed care services on a continuing basis. All approved residential settings in this category are required to meet ADHS licensing criteria as defined in A.A.C. R9-10 Article 8.

III. POLICY**REQUIREMENTS**

Members may receive services in Alternative Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Settings as defined in A.A.C. R9-28-101. Members are to live in the most integrated and least restrictive setting and have full access to the benefits of community living. To that end, members are to be afforded the choice of living in their own home or choosing an Alternative HCBS Setting rather than residing in an institution. Assisted Living Facilities (ALF)s are designed for members who are physically or functionally unable to live in their own home, but do not need the care intensity of a nursing facility. ALFs provide supervisory care services, personal care services, or directed care services on a continuing basis. Additionally, ALFs are required to provide residents with adequate recreation and socialization opportunities.

Members may receive services in an ALF that are not included in the ALF's scope of service and, therefore, not provided by the ALF. These services shall be authorized by the member's case manager after being determined medically necessary and cost effective. The following services are not incorporated in the ALF per diem and are billed separately by the service provider. These services may include but are not limited to the following:

1. Physical health services.
2. Medical equipment and supplies.
3. Therapies.
4. Transportation.
5. Behavioral health services.
6. Home health services.

7. Adult day health services.

Adult day health services are provided only with specific detailed justification by the ALTCS case manager and with approval by the ALTCS Contractor or Tribal ALTCS Program.

Refer to AMPM Chapter 300 and Chapter 1200 for a description of these services, and any limitations to ALTCS coverage.

Refer to AMPM Exhibit 1620-15 for information regarding, and a copy of, the ALF Residency Agreement used by ALTCS case managers to specify the ALTCS standards for Assisted Living services.

Although Assisted Living Facilities are required to provide room and board, room and board is not an AHCCCS covered service for these facilities. The room and board amount is determined by the ALTCS Contractor and Tribal ALTCS Program and shall be the responsibility of the member. It is also permissible for someone to pay room and board on behalf of the member.