1230-A  ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Description

Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs - Assisted Living Center [ALC], Assisted Living Home [ALH] and Adult Foster Care [AFC] home) are residential care facilities licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). An AFC home is a classification of an ALF and may be licensed by ADHS or certified by the County in which it is located. All ALFs are licensed to provide supervisory care (not generally covered by AHCCCS), personal care, or directed care services, as defined in the Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 9, Chapter 10, Article 8. ALFs are 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. They are classified according to the number of residents allowed to reside in the facility. Classifications are as follows:

1. Assisted Living Center (ALC) The facility provides resident rooms or residential units and services to 11 or more residents. Members residing in an ALC must be provided the choice of single occupancy.

2. Assisted Living Home (ALH) The facility provides resident rooms and services to ten or fewer residents.

3. Adult Foster Care Home The facility provides Adult Foster Care (AFC) services for at least one and no more than four adult residents, who are participants in the ALTCS program. In addition to services that are provided by other ALFs, AFC home services may be expanded depending upon the type of staffing available in the home. If the staff or the AFC home sponsor is authorized by law to provide nursing or medical services, and appropriate staff is on-site as needed by residents, members may receive services in these facilities regardless of the level of physical, emotional or behavioral health care required (other than hospitalization). This includes maximum assistance with mobility and activities of daily living, as well as medications and treatments.
Amount, Duration and Scope

Services provided by ALFs are based on a per diem rate for a 24-hour day. They include personal care and homemaker services. Room and board is not included as an ALTCS covered service. The room and board amount is determined by the ALTCS Contractor and must be paid by the member or his/her family or representative.

Services provided in addition to services included in the ALF per diem rate must be authorized by the member’s Contractor after being determined medically necessary and cost effective. Those services not incorporated in the ALF per diem are billed separately by the service provider. They include medical acute care services, medical supplies and durable medical equipment, therapies, transportation, and behavioral health services, as well as home health services that comprise skilled nursing, continuous nursing or home health aide services, as applicable. Adult day health services may be provided only with specific detailed justification by the case manager and approval by the ALTCS Contractor or the AHCCCS Administration for FFS members. Please note that Assisted Living Facilities are required by licensure standards and by State regulation (R9-10-808) to provide residents with adequate recreation and socialization opportunities.

Refer to Policies 1240 and 1250 of this Chapter for a description of these services, and any limitations to ALTCS coverage.

Refer to Chapter 1600 of this Manual for information regarding and a copy of the ALF Residency Agreement used by case managers to outline the ALTCS standards for Assisted Living services.