



To: Anne Peterson, MDH and Assisted Living Rules Advisory Committee

From: Kari Thurlow, Senior Vice President of Advocacy, LeadingAge Minnesota

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Re: Assisted Living License Rules related to Emergency Preparedness

Thank you for the discussion at the October 16th meeting of the Assisted Living Rules Advisory Committee regarding requirements related to emergency preparedness. Safety of residents of assisted living is a paramount concern and rules related to disaster preparedness and emergency planning are key to ensuring resident safety. The rulemaking related to these issues must also recognize the wide variety of settings that will be licensed under the new law serving a wide variety of individuals as well as the incredible amount of detail in the statute with respect to these requirements.

LeadingAge Minnesota has prepared the attached planning grid outlining the existing statutory requirements related to Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Planning that will apply to licensed assisted living settings under the new licensure regime. Please note that many of these requirements already apply to registered housing with services and home care providers under current law. We have included a section by section analysis with additional suggestions for topics to address through rulemaking. If this format is helpful to guide the committee discussion, please feel free to utilize it during our discussion.

An important piece in our recommendations is that the hazard vulnerability assessment should be conducted by *all* licensed assisted living settings, be documented and updated, and should inform emergency planning. We have identified additional areas for clarification, including a suggestion that the rules would require emergency generators be in instances where a facility has disclosed on a uniform disclosure form that they offer services that require life support equipment, such as ventilators.

We are happy to further discuss our recommendations with the group at next week's meeting.