

Subject Assisted living facilities; response to resident emergencies

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Overview

Assisted living facilities are regulated by the commissioner of health and provide housing and assisted living services to facility residents. This bill modifies requirements for assisted living facilities regarding having plans to immediately respond to resident emergencies, having policies and procedures to implement for resident emergencies, having staff on site who have completed training required for emergency medical responders, and training in handling resident emergencies that unlicensed personnel must complete.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Minimum requirements.</p> <p>Amends § 144G.41, subd. 1. Adds to the minimum requirements that assisted living facilities must meet, requirements to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ ensure a plan is in place to immediately attend to resident needs in a medical emergency;▪ ensure a plan is in place to meet the nonemergency medical needs of residents caused by falls; and▪ ensure that a person who has completed the training requirements as an emergency medical responder (EMR) is on site 24 hours per day, seven days per week. |
| 2 | <p>Policies and procedures.</p> <p>Amends § 144G.41, subd. 2. Adds to the minimum policies and procedures assisted living facilities must have in place, to require assisted living facilities to have policies and procedures for emergency procedures to initiate when a resident experiences a medical emergency and policies and procedures to initiate when a resident experiences a nonemergency event such as a fall. Requires all policies and procedures to be made available to residents and resident representatives on request, and requires policies and procedures regarding medical emergencies to be</p> |

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	provided to prospective residents before admission and to current residents if not previously provided before admission and upon any changes to the policies and procedures.
3	Training and evaluation of unlicensed personnel. Amends § 144G.61, subd. 2. Specifies the training on handling medical and nonmedical emergency situations provided to unlicensed personnel at assisted living facilities must include how to handle resident falls, heart events, difficulty breathing, overdoses, and choking.



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