

Definition:

Assisted living communities are personal care homes which choose to serve 25 residents or more and which provide assisted living care which consists of the provision of personal services, the administration of medications by a certified medication aide and the provision of assisted self-preservation. (Personal services include but are not limited to individual assistance with and supervision of self-administered medications and essential activities or daily living such as eating, bathing, grooming, dressing, and toileting.)

Exemptions:

- Boarding homes or rooming houses which provide no services other than lodging and meals
- Facilities offering temporary shelter, such as those for the homeless and victims of family violence
- Other facilities, homes or residences licensed by the Department of Community Health which have not been classified as assisted living communities, e.g. community living arrangements, personal care homes, hospices, traumatic brain injury facilities
- Facilities providing residential services for federal, state or local correctional institutions under the jurisdiction of the criminal justice system
- Charitable organizations providing shelter and other services without charging any fee to the resident or billing any fee on behalf of the residents
- Group residences organized by or for persons who choose to live independently or who manage their own care and share the cost of services including but not limited to attendant care, transportation, rent, utilities and food preparation
- Facilities licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases
- Host Homes as defined in O.C.G.A. §37-1-20(18)

Type Regulation:

An assisted living community must obtain a permit from the Division of Healthcare Facility Regulation, Georgia Department of Community Health..

Legal Authority

O.C.G.A. § 31-7-3, Permit Required
O.C.G.A. §§ 31-7-12. and 31-7-12.3, Personal Services and Assisted Living Community
O.C.G.A. §§ 31-2-9, 31-7-250, Criminal Records Checks
O.C.G.A. § § 31-2-4 and 31-2-8, Fee and Enforcement Authority,

Rules:

[Rules and Regulations for Assisted Living Communities, Chapter 111-8-63,](#)
[Rules and Regulations for General Licensing and Enforcement Requirements, Chapter 111-8-25,](#)

Fees:

- Permit: 25≤50 beds \$750, >50 beds \$1500 annually