

Personal care homes include any dwelling that provides or arranges housing, food service, and one or more personal services for two or more adults who are not related to the owner or administrator by blood or marriage. (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 that only provide lodging and meals
- Facilities offering temporary shelter, such as those for the homeless and victims of family violence
- Treatment facilities that provide medical nursing services that are approved by the state and regulated under more specific authorities
- Facilities providing residential services for correctional institutions
- Hospices
- Therapeutic substance abuse treatment facilities
- 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
- Charitable organizations providing free shelter and other services
- Any federally-operated personal care home

Type Regulation:

A home must obtain a permit. However, the Georgia Department of Community Health may register personal care homes that care for two or three residents.

Legal Authority:

O.C.G.A. § 31-7-1 et seq. Regulation of hospitals and other healthcare facilities

O.C.G.A. § 31-2-9 Rules and regulations; variances and waivers

O.C.G.A. § 31-2-11 Actions against certain applicants or licensees

[Official Code of Georgia Annotated](#)

Rules:

[Rules and Regulations for Personal Care Homes](#), Chapter 111-8-62, effective December 9, 2009

[Enforcement of Licensing Requirements](#), Chapter 290-1-6, effective August 16, 1993

Fees:

- Permit: No charge