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Assisted Living Fact Sheet: Ownership Information

Assisted living facilities (ALFs) may be owned by a range of entities, from large corporations to individuals to nonprofit organizations. The availability of public information on assisted living ownership provides transparency to potential and current residents, as well as their families. Transparency plays a vital role in fostering accountability for quality, safety, and value in ALFs. Unfortunately, the majority of states do not provide the public access to ownership information online.

LTCCC has conducted a nationwide analysis of best practices in assisted living and has published a report with recommendations for improving resident health, safety, and well-being. Following are some key recommendations for implementing ownership transparency standards in assisted living from our report, <u>Assisted Living: Promising Policies and Practices for Improving</u> <u>Resident Health, Quality of Life, and Safety</u>. The following page provides a map of states' requirements re. posting of ownership information.

Recommendations

- Ownership information should be posted on the facility's website and on the state agency's website (including along with any listing of the facility, citations, and enforcement actions against the facility).
- Ownership information should be publicly displayed in the facility and available, upon request, at the front desk or reception.
- The following information should be provided:
 - Any individual or entity with a 5% or greater interest in the facility;
 - Name of facility administrator;
 - Ownership type (i.e., for-profit, non-profit, government);
 - Contact information for the owner(s), including mailing address, phone number, and email address;
 - Date of last change of ownership; and
 - Name of previous owner if change of ownership occurred within last 12 months.

NOTE: To see sample language for inclusion in policy or regulation, please see the <u>report</u>.

Map of State Requirements

- 40 states and the District of Columbia do not post ownership information online.
- 10 states post ownership information on their websites.

Note: Ownership information that states post online may vary in content. Some states post the name and type of owner (e.g., private), while others publish the names of previous owners and the change of ownership date.



Further Reading

- LTCCC's 2018 report, Assisted Living: Promising Policies and Practices, provides a comprehensive review of state policies, recommendations, and example language for use in future policymaking. See <u>https://nursinghome411.org/ltccc-report-assisted-living-promising-policies-and-practices/</u>.
- LTCCC's Assisted Living State Requirements Chart offers a comparative look at state requirements, including those involving abuse and neglect. See <u>https://nursinghome411.org/assisted-living-state-requirements-chart/</u>.

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