

## Heightened Scrutiny Evidence Packet Questionnaire

*Please answer the following questions.*

1. **Are there shared administrators between the nursing facilities and assisted living setting?**

There is one Administrator for the skilled and nursing facility and assisted living facility. The Assisted Living Director oversees this setting.

2. **Are nursing facility staff occasionally assigned as support or back up to the assisted living setting?**

We have designated staff for AL. Occasionally nursing staff will work as a backup when needed.

3. **Are nursing facility staff trained to meet the same qualifications as the assisted living staff?** Yes, they are trained to meet the same qualifications. However, nursing staff rarely work on assisted living.

4. **Is there a shared bank account between the nursing facility and assisted living setting?**

Yes

5. **Are there financial arrangements shared by the nursing facility and assisted living?**

No

6. **Are there financial statements demonstrating that the nursing facility and assisted living setting are separate? If so, please provide these to the DA; details are provided on the last page.**

Yes, the financial statements demonstrate these are separate.

7. **Is there separate signage between the nursing facility and assisted living setting?**

Yes

8. **Is there separate entrance between the nursing facility and the assisted living?**

Yes

9. **Are there any shared entrances?**

Yes, the main entrance is shared. To enter the skill unit turn right and turn left to enter AL.

10. **Describe the physical location of the site: (Include a description of the physical characteristics of where the site is located including zoning, proximity to neighbors and community services, etc.).**

Spring Mill is in Merrillville, IN. This facility is close to 2 hospitals, 4 churches, a shopping mall and a variety of restaurants.

11. If a participant wanted to go shopping or see a movie, for instance, describe how would they usually get there and what their other transportation options would be.

Spring Mill has a bus. Resident would inform the transportation coordinator and arrange a time get dropped off.

12. How is the assisted living setting integrated into the community around it?

The assisted living residents have the

13. What kinds of activities outside of the assisted living setting do participants engage in?

Movies, bowling, plays, festivals, fairs, baseball games, concerts etc...

14. How are outside community members or groups involved in your assisted living setting?

Local Churches, musical entertainers, arts and crafts local vendors come in

15. What kinds of activities are available at the assisted living setting?

We provide a variety of activities being offered such as arts and craft, wine, and canvas,

16. Are there other types of evidence that your setting is distinctly different from the nursing facility?

The AL residents have more outings. They have more independent activities. AL has a kitchen area with a mini refrigerator and microwave. It is a home-like setting.

17. Explain how participants feel like they are "at home" in your setting.

Residents can lock their doors. Their rooms are set up like mini apartments. They have more privacy, and they can come and go as they please. They have more integration with the community. Most of these residents go outside of the facility for Doctor appointments.

Supporting documentation is necessary in the evidence packet to demonstrate that the nursing facility and assisted living setting are not financially interrelated and to show the setting is home and community based. Documentation types followed by an asterisk are required to be submitted, other documentation showing home and community-based characteristics are submitted at your discretion.

Supporting documentation examples include but are not limited to:

- Most recent policies and procedures
- Pictures of site (showing separate entrances, signage, location to broader community, etc.)
- If applicable, financial statements, article of incorporation, or other documents showing the nursing facility and assisted living settings are not financially or operationally interrelated

- Staff schedules
- Details of proximity to public transport or other transportation strategies to facilitate integration (pictures, flyers regarding community transportation options)
- Bus schedule, if relevant
- Activity schedules/calendar
- Staff training materials
- Hiring requirements

This should be emailed to [Da.Hcbssettingsrule@fssa.IN.gov](mailto:Da.Hcbssettingsrule@fssa.IN.gov).