



## **Dane County Department of Human Services Division of Adult Community Services Long Term Support Unit**

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### **BACKGROUND: FACILITY SPECIFIC VARIANCE REQUEST**

A facility variance request is required per Medicaid Waiver guidelines when a person who is under 65 years old moves into a Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) that exceeds 21 beds. The variance must include the following information:

- Verification (usually via photos) that the setting is not an institutional type setting
- How the setting provides supports that are designed to enhance each residents dignity, right to privacy, and choice.
- How the setting supports persons with dementia through staff training, programming, and activity planning.
- That the facility specific variance request is approved by the Long Term Support Committee.

Typically the variance is reviewed by all members of the LTS Committee but due to the time sensitive nature of the situation the request was reviewed and approved by LTS Committee Chair, Ms. Sue Petkovsek on 8/2/16 with understanding that it would be brought before the full committee during the next meeting on 8/17/16.

### **Variance for Heritage Middleton In Middleton WI.**

The client is a 58 year old woman. She has Edema, Cognitive Impairment, High Blood Sugars, High Blood pressure, Arthritis, Enlarged Spleen, Hepatitis A, Ulcer of Vein, and Obesity. She is a Nursing Home Relocation going to Heritage Middleton Memory Care which is licensed for Dementia/Alzheimers Irreversible and Physically Disabled. There licensing includes age 55 and over. The client has Bariatric needs, and often needs assistance from two people. Thus she needs a facility where there is more staff available. The client and family toured the facility and were pleased with it and felt it would meet her needs. It is close to where her family lives thus they will be able to visit her more easily. The bathroom, room and areas are large enough to accommodate her bariatric equipment.

Heritage Middleton Memory Care has hallways that are small and designed in a circular pattern making it easier for walking. There are living spaces residents can relax in. Each room has its own private bath and shower. They are licensed for 38. There is a 2 RN's and an LPN. The Nurse is on staff 8-8 Monday to Friday and 10-4 P.M. on weekends.

The facility makes efforts to respect Individuality. They have Private Rooms. The meals are cooked onsite. Residents sit at smaller tables with the same people at each meal. The care plans are designed around the individuals needs. Residents are encouraged to make decisions as able. There are daily activities that residents can participate in. Residents can close their doors if they like.

The facility is licensed for Irreversible Dementia. The staff are all trained in Dementia Care. They have Dementia specific programming. They also have Touch Therapy, Music Therapy, Art Therapy and Pet Therapy.