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To: Assisted Living Residences and Other Interested Parties
From: Jennifer Davis Carey *Jennifer D. Carey*
Date: December 14, 2006
Re: Consumer's Guide for Assisted Living

The Assisted Living Regulations require that each Assisted Living Residence provide all prospective residents with a copy of the Elder Affairs consumer guide at its first formal meeting with them, and verbally review it with them. See, 651 CMR 12.08: Resident Rights and Required Disclosure.

Elder Affairs has developed the 2006 edition of *Assisted Living in Massachusetts: A Consumer's Guide*, which is now available on Elder Affairs' website. The Guide is a significant expansion of the previous edition, consistent with the important regulatory amendments adopted in 2006.

Effective immediately, each Assisted Living Residence is required to provide a copy of this Guide to prospective residents in accordance with the regulations.

This Guide can be downloaded from the Elder Affairs' website, printed, and copied. To locate it, please go to the Elder Affairs home page at www.mass.gov/elders. You will see "Housing," which includes "Assisted Living," which in turn contains "A Consumer's Guide" in Word and in pdf format. Alternatively, you can use the following direct links:

www.mass.gov/Eelders/docs/assisted_consumer_guide.pdf

or

www.mass.gov/Eelders/docs/assisted_consumer_guide.doc

For Residences that do not have Internet access, Elder Affairs will mail a copy upon request.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to inform consumers about the option of Assisted Living. If you have any questions, please contact our Assisted Living Certification Unit.