

**WAC 296-17A-6509 Classification 6509.**

**6509-04 Adult family homes, group homes, treatment centers, safe houses, shelters, halfway houses, and similar facilities not specifically assigned to another subclassification, N.O.C.**

**Applies to:**

Businesses and facilities with residents who do not require 24-hour nursing care, but often need some degree of medical monitoring and oversight, personal care, treatment, training, or supervision. Residents may need assistance due to illness, advanced age, physical or mental disabilities, dementia, homelessness or youth at risk, mental health concerns, or chemical dependency.

Most facilities in this classification are inspected and licensed by the department of social and health services (DSHS), or the department of health (DOH).

**Note:** Some facilities included in classification 6509, such as a retirement community, may not require any special facilities license from DSHS or DOH.

**Facilities include, but are not limited to:**

- Adult family homes;
- Enhanced services facilities;
- Homeless shelters;
- Hospice care centers;
- Independent living centers;
- Intermediate care facilities;
- Residential treatment facilities;
- Safe houses for victims of domestic violence;
- Transitional housing (halfway houses) for persons previously in a treatment facility or incarcerated; and
- Similar facilities not specifically assigned to another classification.

**Occupations include, but are not limited to:**

- Activity directors;
- Caregivers;
- Cooks and chefs;
- Counselors;
- Dietary aides;
- Dietitians;
- Dishwashers;
- Drivers;
- Housekeepers;
- Janitors;
- Laundry workers;
- Lawn care workers;
- Maintenance personnel;
- Nurses;
- Nurses' aides and assistants;
- Resident assistants;
- Social workers;
- Therapists and therapists' assistants; and
- Wait staff.

**Medical services provided to residents may include, but are not limited to:**

- Assessments for mental health, chemical abuse, or basic skills;
- Checking and monitoring for wellness;
- Dispensing medicine;

- Physical examinations; and
- Rehabilitative therapies.

**Services may include assistance with:**

- Bathing;
- Brushing teeth or hair;
- Dressing;
- Feeding; and
- Shaving.

**Note:** Some facilities may offer additional services such as haircuts, pedicures, manicures, hairstyling, eye and hearing exams, and other services not normally associated with care facilities. These services are often performed by independent contractors.

**Exclusions:**

- DSHS licensed nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities are classified in 6108.
- Fraternity or sorority houses are classified in 6205.
- Home care providers working in their clients' homes are classified in 6511 or 6512.
- Home health and nursing providers working in their clients' homes are classified in 6110.
- Retirement communities without any services or meal plans, such as apartment buildings or condominiums that simply restrict the occupants to age 55 or above, are classified in 4910.

**6509-07 Assisted living facilities, and retirement and continuing care communities**

**Applies to:**

Businesses and facilities with residents who do not require 24-hour nursing care, but often need some degree of medical monitoring and oversight, personal care, treatment, training, or supervision. Residents may need assistance due to illness, advanced age, physical or mental disabilities, dementia, homelessness or youth at risk, mental health concerns, or chemical dependency.

Most facilities in this classification are inspected and licensed by the department of social and health services (DSHS), or the department of health (DOH).

**Note:** Some facilities included in classification 6509, such as a retirement community, may not require any special facilities license from DSHS or DOH.

**Facilities include, but are not limited to:**

- Assisted living facilities;
- Continuing care communities; and
- Retirement communities.

**Occupations include, but are not limited to:**

- Activity directors;
- Caregivers;
- Cooks and chefs;
- Counselors;
- Dietary aides;
- Dietitians;
- Dishwashers;
- Drivers;
- Housekeepers;
- Janitors;
- Laundry workers;
- Lawn care workers;
- Maintenance personnel;
- Nurses;

- Nurses' aides and assistants;
- Resident assistants;
- Social workers;
- Therapists and therapists' assistants; and
- Wait staff.

**Medical services provided to residents may include, but are not limited to:**

- Assessments for mental health, chemical abuse, or basic skills;
- Checking and monitoring for wellness;
- Dispensing medicine;
- Physical examination; and
- Rehabilitative therapies.

**Services may include assistance with:**

- Bathing;
- Brushing teeth or hair;
- Dressing;
- Feeding; and
- Shaving.

**Note:** Some facilities may offer additional services such as haircuts, pedicures, manicures, hairstyling, eye and hearing exams, and other services not normally associated with care facilities. These services are often performed by independent contractors.

**Exclusions:**

- DSHS licensed nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities are classified in 6108.
- Fraternity or sorority houses are classified in 6205.
- Home care providers working in their clients' homes are classified in 6511 or 6512.
- Home health and nursing providers working in their clients' homes are classified in 6110.
- Retirement communities without any services or meal plans, such as apartment buildings or condominiums that simply restrict the occupants to age 55 or above, are classified in 4910.

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