

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**INFORMATION
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TO: County Health Department Directors/Administrators
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SUBJECT: OSTDS Sizing for AHCA and APD-Licensed Group Care Facilities.

Memorandum 05-011 provided sizing criteria for Agency for Health Care Administration-licensed adult assisted living facilities and adult family care homes. It also provided sizing criteria for foster care facilities and group home facilities regulated by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. This memorandum changes the sizing criteria for Assisted living facilities with not more than six clients and clarifies sizing criteria for other categories of facilities.

Chapter 400, Florida Statutes, includes assisted living facilities and adult family-care homes. "Assisted living facility" means any building or buildings, section or distinct part of a building, private home, boarding home, home for the aged, or other residential facility, whether operated for profit or not, which undertakes through its ownership or management to provide housing, meals, and one or more personal services for a period exceeding 24 hours to one or more adults who are not relatives of the owner or administrator. Chapter 419, Florida Statutes, calls for homes of six or fewer clients to be deemed a single-family and residential use for the purpose of local laws and ordinances. While Chapter 64E-6 is not a local law or ordinance, Assisted Living Facilities having a capacity of six or fewer clients should be sized using residential sizing criteria in Table I, Chapter 64E-6, FAC. If the estimated sewage flow calculation based on occupants exceeds the estimated sewage flow based on single and multiple family per dwelling unit, the flow based on the number of occupants shall be used. In sizing these facilities, add 50 gallons to the establishment's estimated sewage flow for staff who stay at the facility round-the-clock and add 15 gallons per 8-hour shift for staff members who are at the facility for part of the day. OSTDSs for Assisted Living Facilities having a capacity exceeding six clients should be sized using the adult congregate living facility standards in Table I, Chapter 64E-6, FAC.

"Adult family-care home" means a full-time, family-type living arrangement, in a private home, under which a person who owns or rents the home provides room, board, and personal care, on a 24-hour basis, for no more than five disabled adults or frail elders who are not relatives. OSTDSs for such facilities should be sized using residential sizing criteria in Table I, Chapter 64E-6, FAC. If the estimated sewage flow calculation based on occupants exceeds the estimated sewage flow based on single and multiple family per dwelling unit, the flow based on the number of occupants shall be used.



Both facilities are licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration and their determination of the facility type should be used by county health departments in deciding whether to use adult congregate living or residential sizing standards for the OSTDS.

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities licenses Foster Care Facilities and Group Home Facilities under Chapter 393, Florida Statutes. Foster care facilities are residential facilities which provide a family living environment including supervision and care necessary to meet the physical, emotional, and social needs of its residents. The capacity shall be not more than three residents. Group home facilities provide the same environment and supervision for at least three and not more than 15 residents. For the purposes of Chapter 393, FS, group home facilities shall not be considered commercial enterprises. Onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems serving APD-licensed foster care facilities (up to three residents) and group home facilities (four to fifteen residents) should be sized using residential sizing criteria in Table I, Chapter 64E-6, Florida Administrative Code. If the estimated sewage flow calculation based on occupants exceeds the estimated sewage flow based on single and multiple family per dwelling unit, the flow based on the number of occupants shall be used. In sizing these facilities, please note that some residents may require occasional or round-the clock supervision by one or more assistants. Add 50 gallons to the establishment's estimated sewage flow for assistants who stay at the facility round-the-clock and add 15 gallons per 8-hour shift for assistants who are at the facility for part of the day.

Facility Type	Licensing Agency	Statute	OSTDS Sizing Criteria
Assisted Living Facility (1-6 clients)	Agency for Health Care Administration	400.402(6)	64E-6, Table I, residential plus staff
Assisted Living Facility (>6 clients)	Agency for Health Care Administration	400.402(6)	64E-6, Table I, Adult congregate living
Adult Family Care Home (1-5 clients)	Agency for Health Care Administration	400.618(2)	64E-6, Table I, residential
Foster Care Facility (1-3 clients)	Agency for Persons with Disabilities	393.063(19)	64E-6, Table I, residential plus staff
Group Home Facility (3-15 clients)	Agency for Persons with Disabilities	393.063(20)	64E-6, Table I, residential plus staff

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