INFORMATIONAL LETTER #2000-10

DATE: November 23, 2005

TO: ALL RESIDENTIAL CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

FROM: LORETTA TODD, R.N., Interim Chief

Bureau of Facility Standards

SUBJECT: New Construction, Additions/Alterations

REPLACES INFORMATIONAL LETTERS #92-6 AND #99-10

It has been brought to the attention of the Bureau of Facility Standards that new construction, additions, remodeling, and alteration projects are in progress throughout the state without the prior approval of the Bureau. Section 16.03.22.527.02 of the Rules for Residential and Assisted Living Facilities in Idaho, states that plans and specifications are required to be submitted to the Bureau of Facility Standards for review and approval prior to commencing work.

Unfortunately we have found completed projects that do not meet requirements and could cost the operator additional funds to correct. As the old saying goes "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Please save yourselves unnecessary expenditures by contacting this office when remodels, additions, etc. are contemplated.

If you have any questions regarding these rules, please contact Roger Gehrke, Facility Fire Safety and Construction Program Supervisor, or Virginia Loper, R.N., Residential Community Care Program Supervisor at (208) 334-6626.

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cc: Idaho Assisted Living Association