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April 10, 2013

RALF Program
Division of Licensing and Certification
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0036

Re: Variance Request (resident's name)

Dear Ms. Simpson,

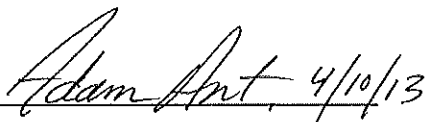
We would like to request a variance for resident Olive Oyl to not have a bed in her room. The rule to which we are requesting this variance is IDAPA 16.03.22.430.03, which states:

03. Resident Bed. Each resident must be provided his own bed, which will be at least thirty-six (36) inches wide, substantially constructed, clean, and in good repair. Roll-away beds, cots, futons, folding beds, or double bunks are prohibited. Bed springs must be in good repair, clean, and comfortable. Bed mattresses must be standard for the bed, clean, and odor free. A pillow must be provided.

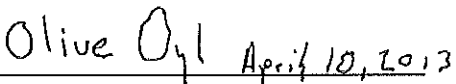
The reasons that show good cause why the variance should be granted are as follows: Ms. Oyl has slept in her recliner for the past three years. She is able to safely operate the recliner by herself and gets in and out of it independently.

It is noted in her NSA that Ms. Oyl prefers to sleep in her recliner, and staff have been instructed to monitor and inform the nurse of any difficulties she has operating the recliner safely. The nurse will also watch Ms. Oyl operate the recliner during her quarterly assessment to ensure she is continuing to use it safely.

Thank you for your consideration,

 Adam Ant, 4/10/13

Adam Ant, Administrator

 Olive Oyl, April 10, 2013

Olive Oyl, Resident

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April 3, 2013

Adam Ant, Administrator

The Best Assisted Living In Idaho, Inc.

Cromwell, ID 83222

RE: Request for variance for Olive Oyl to not have a bed in her room – Grant: Temporary

Dear Mr. Ant:

In your letter dated April 1, 2013, you have requested a variance for section 16.03.22.430.03. of the rules for Residential or Assisted Living Facilities in Idaho, which states:

“REQUIREMENTS FOR FURNISHING, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES, AND BASIC SERVICES. Each facility must provide to the resident:
03. Resident Bed. Each resident must be provided his own bed, which will be at least thirty-six (36) inches wide, substantially constructed, clean, and in good repair. Roll-away beds, cots, futons, folding beds, or double bunks are prohibited. Bed springs must be in good repair, clean, and comfortable. Bed mattresses must be standard for the bed, clean, and odor free. A pillow must be provided. (3-29-10)

You stated this resident wished to sleep on her own recliner. The Department is granting a **temporary variance** to this requirement allowing you to remove the bed from this resident’s living space. This variance is for this specific resident in this particular situation. The variance will expire when the resident no longer lives there or when they no longer desire to sleep in a recliner as opposed to the bed. The survey team will review the appropriateness of the variance during onsite visits. If Licensing and Certification identifies circumstances that pose a risk to resident health and safety, or the resident expresses a desire to have a bed, this variance will be revoked.

Please call me at (208) 334-6626 if you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance. Thank you for your continued participation in the Residential Assisted Living Facility Program in Idaho.
Sincerely,

Program Supervisor
Residential Assisted Living Facility Program

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