

COA Letter of Support

The Commission on Aging is writing to express our support for the development of a new licensing structure for residential facilities for groups with 4 or less residents. As the communities evolve it is crucial that our licensing framework reflects the unique needs and challenges faced by these homes, which provide essential services to vulnerable populations.

A revised licensing structure, which removes homes with 4 or less residents from NRS Chapter 449 Residential Facilities for Groups and moves them to NRS Chapter 427A as Community Living Homes, will allow the Aging and Disability Division to establish criteria for certification that will ensure small community living homes can operate efficiently and effectively while maintaining high standards of care. This approach can help streamline the licensing process, reduce barriers for new providers and ultimately expand quality care to more individuals who rely on these services.

This new framework can emphasize training, support and resources for small community home operators, fostering an environment that emphasizes the well-being of the residents. By engaging interested parties in the development of regulations and certification process we can create a structure that is both practical for small businesses and responsive to the needs of our community.