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The *Standards for Licensed Assisted Living Facilities* has been revised, effective August 23, 2018. The revision adds an exception to the staffing requirement for mixed populations in assisted living facilities that are licensed for 10 or fewer residents if no more than three of the residents have serious cognitive impairments. The exception is to the requirement in 22 VAC 40-73-1020 A for at least two direct care staff members, and is specified in 22 VAC 40-73-1020 B, as follows:

B. The requirements of subsection A of this section do not apply to assisted living facilities that are licensed for 10 or fewer residents if not more than three of the residents have serious cognitive impairments. The staffing provisions of 22 VAC 40-73-280 D apply.

What was formerly subsection B, regarding trips away from the facility, is now subsection C. In addition, 22 VAC 40-73-1130 has a technical amendment to add a reference to 22 VAC 40-73-1020 B.

As of August 23, 2018, the revised Standards for Licensed Assisted Living Facilities may be found on the DSS public website at <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/facility/alf.cgi>. For those of you who have a hard copy of the standards that became effective February 1, 2018 and wish to update your copy, replacement pages for the changes (pages 115, 115a, and 121) may also be found on the same website.

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