

441—51.3(249) Eligibility for residential care.

51.3(1) *Licensed facility.* Payment for residential care shall be made only when the facility in which the applicant or recipient is residing is currently licensed by the department of inspections and appeals pursuant to laws governing health care facilities.

51.3(2) *Physician's statement.* Payment for residential care shall be made only when there is on file an order written by a physician certifying that the applicant or recipient being admitted requires residential care but does not require nursing services. The certification shall be updated whenever a change in the recipient's physical condition warrants reevaluation, but no less than every 12 months.

51.3(3) *Income eligibility.* The resident shall be income eligible when the income according to 441—paragraph 52.1(3) "a" is less than 31 times the maximum per diem rate. Partners in a marriage who both enter the same room of the residential care facility in the same month shall be income eligible for the initial month when their combined income according to 441—paragraph 52.1(3) "a" is less than twice the amount of allowed income for one person (31 times the maximum per diem rate).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249.3.

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