

231B.1A Findings, purpose, and intent.

1. The general assembly finds that elder group homes are an important part of the long-term care continua in this state. Elder group homes emphasize the independence and dignity of the individual while providing housing in a cost-effective manner.
2. The purposes of establishing and regulating elder group homes include all of the following:
 - a.* To encourage the establishment and maintenance of a safe and homelike environment for individuals of all income levels who require assistance with personal care to live independently but who require health-related care only on a part-time or intermittent basis.
 - b.* To establish standards for elder group homes that allow flexibility in design, which promotes a model of service delivery by focusing on individual independence, needs and desires, and consumer-driven quality of service.
 - c.* To encourage public participation in the development of elder group home programs for individuals of all income levels.
3. It is the intent of the general assembly that the department of elder affairs establish policy for elder group homes and that the department of inspections and appeals enforce this chapter.

2005 Acts, ch 62, §2