



# Technical Bulletin



**Topic:** Senate Bill 362: Resident Physical Examinations & Residents with Dementia/Alzheimer's  
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The purpose of this technical bulletin is to notify the affected health care providers and the public of recently adopted statutes.

On July 1, 2019, Governor Steve Sisolak signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 362. SB 362 establishes changes requiring physical and needs assessment to be completed for each resident residing in a Residential Facility for Groups home in order to ensure appropriate placement of those individuals with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

SB 362 requires the following:

- 1) The administrator of a residential facility for groups shall:
  - (a) Annually prompt a qualified provider of health care to conduct a physical examination of each resident of the facility;
  - (b) Annually conduct an assessment of the history of each resident, which must include, without limitation, an assessment of the condition and daily activities of the resident during the immediately preceding year; and
  - (c) Prompt a qualified provider of health care to conduct an assessment of the condition and needs of a resident of the facility to determine whether the resident meets certain criteria as described in Section 2:
    - (1) Upon admission of the resident to the facility; and
    - (2) If a physical examination, assessment of the history of the resident, or the observations of the administrator or staff of the facility, the family of the resident or another person who has a relationship with the resident indicates that:
      - (i) The resident may meet those criteria; or
      - (ii) The condition of the resident has significantly changed.
- 2) If an assessment conducted by the provider of health care determines that the resident:
  - a) Suffers from dementia to an extent that the resident may be a danger to himself or herself or others if not placed in a secure unit or facility that assigns not less than one staff member for every six residents, any residential facility for groups in which the resident is placed must meet the requirements prescribed by the State Board of Health pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 449.0302 for the licensing and operation of residential facilities for groups which provide care to persons with Alzheimer's disease or other severe dementia.

b) Does not suffer from dementia as described above, the resident may be placed in any residential facility for groups.

This law took effect July 1, 2019.

[Visit the Nevada Legislature SB 95 web page to review the full bill language.](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/80th2019/Bills/SB/SB362_EN.pdf) or type [https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/80th2019/Bills/SB/SB362\\_EN.pdf](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/80th2019/Bills/SB/SB362_EN.pdf) into your web browser.



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