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## Eaton Terrace II Assisted Living Wins Recognition

DENVER-Eaton Terrace II, an assisted living facility in Lakewood which houses about 74 adults over the age of 62, was recognized today as a "Best Practice" winner for its program which helps identify residents who may be in need of medical care before their problem grows worse and requires hospitalization.

The Best Practice program is sponsored by the Health Facilities Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and its Personal Care Boarding Home Advisory Committee.

Eaton Terrace II was recognized for its "case management" system which brings together representatives from all of its departments to review progress or concerns about its residents. These meetings provide valuable feedback to Eaton Terrace II about the job they are doing meeting the needs of their residents. This program was nominated under a category called "assessments".

According to Terry Zamell, Assisted Living program manager at the Health Facilities Division, resident assessments are used to create "care plans" that providers rely on to decide which services will keep a resident functioning at an optimal level. Reassessments should be conducted routinely to see if adjustments need to be made due to changes in the resident's condition.

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Assisted living is a very popular alternative for seniors who need help managing daily activities such as cooking, dressing, shopping and taking medications.

According to the Health Facilities Division, there are now over 520 licensed assisted living facilities in Colorado which vary from small homes housing three residents to large facilities with 100 or more residents.

"Assisted living homes work hard to meet the needs of their residents and often are confronted with problems where they could use assistance and advice from other homes," said Zamell. "That is why our Advisory Committee and the division decided to institute a best practices program—to help facilities share information with one another and to reward those facilities who have outstanding programs."

To learn more about all of the assisted living providers in Colorado, consumers can see the Health Facilities Division's Home Page at [www.cdphe.state.co.us/hf/hfd.html](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hf/hfd.html). Sorted by location, information includes the facility name, owner and number of beds. The division's home page also has two brochures about assisted living: one explains how to choose a facility; the second explains how the consumer can resolve concerns about care in an assisted living home. For those without access to the internet, materials are available by calling the division at 303-692-2853 or toll-free at 1-800-886-7689.