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§16B-11-3. Definition of Alzheimer’s special care unit/program.

For the purposes of this article, the following definitions apply:

"Alzheimer's disease" means a diagnosis of presenile dementia or senile dementia-Alzheimer type (SDAT), characterized by confusion, memory failure, disorientation, restlessness, agnosia, speech disturbances, inability to carry out purposeful movements and hallucinosis.

"Alzheimer's Special Care Unit or Program," means any facility that secures, segregates or provides a special program or special unit for residents with a diagnosis of probable Alzheimer’s disease or a related disorder and that advertises, markets or otherwise promotes the facility as providing specialized Alzheimer’s or dementia care services.

"Director" means the director of the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification, or his or her designee.

"Facility" means any nursing home or facility, residential board and care home, personal care home, assisted living facility, adult congregate living facility, home health agency, adult day care center, hospice or adult foster home situate or operating in this state.

"Inspector General" means the Inspector General of the Office of Inspector General as described in §16B-2-1 of this code, or his or her designee.

"Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification" means the West Virginia Office of the Health Facility Licensure and Certification within the Office of the Inspector General.

"Resident" means an individual living in a facility that offers an Alzheimer's special care unit or program.

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