

Omega House

Bering~Omega Community Services

Criteria for Admission to Omega House

1. **Terminal Illness.** A resident must be at least age 18 with a diagnosis of HIV and a prognosis of six months or less to live confirmed in writing. S/he must elect to receive palliative care (management of symptoms such as pain and nausea) and understand that aggressive treatment will not be pursued at Omega House.
2. **Neurological Component.** HIV Disease often manifests with cognitive/memory deficits. Opportunistic infections often impair the Brain's ability to function properly. Therefore, HIV infected persons often are not safe living alone. The resident may be impaired due to opportunistic infections or other neurological complication related to their disease process.
3. **Financial Status.** The resident's financial status will be reviewed with priority for admission generally given to the medically indigent.
4. **Admission Agreement.** The prospective resident or his/her designee must complete all admission paperwork prior to or at the time admission. This includes signing required forms, presenting a picture ID, proof of residency and proof of income. Exceptions must be determined by the Program director.
5. **Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.** Prior to admission, whenever possible, a durable power of attorney for health care will be identified. They will make critical medical decisions for the resident if s/he is no longer competent to make such decisions. The elected person may not be a member of the staff or volunteer of Omega House.
6. **Durable Power of Attorney for Finances.** When feasible, prior to admission, identification of a Power of Attorney for finances is encouraged in order to make decisions and to handle pertinent financial matters after admission. The elected person may not be a member of the staff or volunteer of Omega House.
7. **Ineligibility.** Persons inappropriate for admissions include those with untreated infectious TB or unmanageable behavior.
8. **Final Determination of Eligibility.** Persons that are not appropriate for admission include but are not limited to those with untreated infectious tuberculosis, untreated psychiatric disease or unmanageable behavior.

Final determination of eligibility shall be made by the Program Director.