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Jenner's Pond receives Pennsylvania assisted living licensure
West Grove retirement community one of the first in the Commonwealth

West Grove, Pa. (October 10, 2011)—Jenner's Pond received its assisted living residence (ALR) licensure in early July from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, Office of Long-Term Living. Jenner's Pond received its licensure after an in-depth application and inspection process conducted over the course of several months. As of now, the community is one of only eight in the state to receive this licensure.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established this licensure earlier this year to allow people to "age in place." This means an ALR must accommodate a resident's care and service needs as they increase without having the resident move to a higher-care setting. The standards, therefore, are higher than previous regulations and cover such provisions as staffing, square footage of residences, as well as training. Each of these aspects is important to accommodate changing needs while ensuring continued resident independence.

"Our culture here at Jenner's Pond has always been one of encouraging independence, choice and assisting residents to live to their maximum potential," says Linda Wilmot, Senior Administrator at Jenner's Pond. "In this respect, the new licensure is a perfect fit with our mission and philosophy."

During the application process that began in April, Jenner's Pond provided detailed information regarding staffing, policies, training and physical layout, as well as demonstrated familiarity with the new regulations. The Office of Long-Term Living conducted two inspections—one scheduled and one unannounced—of the Ruston Residence, Jenner's Pond's assisted living area.

The level of service at the Ruston Residence is based on individual needs, not a one-size-fits-all model. The nursing staff, many who have been with the community for more than 10 years, provides assistance with activities of daily living, meals and transportation. Jenner's Pond's extensive social/recreational program has been developed to meet the specific needs and desires of each resident.

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“Each resident receives assisted living services based on his or her personal support plan,” says Wilmot. “What’s more, there is very low staff turnover at Jenner’s, which allows our team to really know the residents and their families. This continuity is an integral part of the high quality of care we provide.”

The licensure not only benefits those in the Jenner’s Pond assisted living residence, but also its independent living residents. They can avail themselves of on-campus care and services they deem necessary, should their health needs change, while still maintaining their independence and personal choice.

About Jenner’s Pond

Jenner’s Pond, affiliated with Simpson senior Services, is a Continuing Care Retirement Community located amid the rolling farmland of Pennsylvania. Offering a full range of wellness and health care services, including Assisted Living and Alzheimer’s care, Jenner’s Pond helps support an independent lifestyle throughout retirement. The 88-acre campus gives residents room to stretch out, while putting many activities within easy reach. For more information, call 610-869-6801 or visit us online at www.jennerspond.org.

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