

State of Alaska
Department of Health & Social Services
Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes

Application for Admission

The State of Alaska and its Pioneer Homes do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, national origin, or religion when determining eligibility. Admission to all eligible applicants is based on the date of application received and level of care vacancy. The needs of applicants are reviewed by the Homes for appropriate level of care placement. An applicant must select a Home of first choice and may select other Homes as alternate choices. All six Homes may be listed. A Home should not be selected if the applicant is unwilling to consider admission to that Home.

To be eligible to live in a Pioneer Home, an applicant must be at least 65 years of age; be a resident of Alaska for one year immediately preceding initial application for admission; maintain residency in Alaska following initial application; be in need of aid or benefit of the Home (AS 47.55.020); have Medicare Parts A and B or the equivalent (or have applied for); and agree to pay the monthly fees as established by the Department of Health & Social Services. Residents requiring a responsible party for payment of the monthly rates and fees must provide a valid *Financial Power of Attorney* at the time of admission.

The need of aid or benefit of the Home is defined in AS 47.55.020 as the "inability to maintain a household without regular assistance in shopping, housekeeping, meal preparation, dressing, or personal hygiene because of physical or medical impairment, infirmity, or disability." When applying, applicants may choose either the active or inactive wait list. A choice for the active wait list requires that the applicant is prepared to enter the Home of choice within thirty (30) days after an admission invitation is received. Applicants choosing the active wait list will be required to submit, in addition to the application, a recent medical history and physical provided by a qualified medical practitioner and a statement certifying the applicant's need for services from a Pioneer Home. The spouse of an eligible applicant who needs care is eligible without disability. Applicants, who wish to have the same application date as that of their spouse, or of another person, should submit the applications together in the same envelope.

An applicant choosing the inactive wait list is someone who does not wish to be considered for immediate entry to a Pioneer Home. An applicant may transfer to the active wait list at any time by simply requesting, in writing, his/her desire to move from one wait list to the other. The applicant's name will be merged into the list in the chronological order of the original application date. The applicant's original date of application will always be maintained. For example, if your application was received on May 5, 1997, that date will always be the date of your application, without regard to which list you request or how many times you move from one list to the other. When an applicant transfers from the active to the inactive wait list, they must remain on the inactive list a minimum of 90 days before applying for a transfer back to the active wait list.

If you have questions regarding the application, please contact the Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes, PO Box 110690, Juneau, AK 99811, telephone 465-4416. Submitting an application for admission does not automatically mean approval.

***Please submit proof of age with application by including a copy of one of the following: driver's license, passport, ID card, or birth certificate.**