**Section 146.600 General Description**

a) The Department will implement a pilot program to test the viability of a dementia care unit in SLFs. The pilot shall not exceed three years from the time the first facility is ready to operate a dementia care unit. Up to five SLFs may be admitted to the pilot in the first 12 months of the three-year period. Applicants for the pilot shall demonstrate experience with serving persons with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related dementia.

b) Unless otherwise indicated in this Subpart, the dementia care unit shall meet all requirements found in Subpart B of this Part.

c) SLFs with dementia care units shall promote independence, dignity, respect and well-being in the most cost effective manner for residents age 65 years and over who have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related dementia and meet the requirements described in Section 146.630.

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