Idaho Assisted Living Rules Regarding:
PRESSURE ULCERS

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012. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS O THROUGH Z.

07. **Pressure Ulcer.** Any lesion caused by unrelieved pressure that results in damage to the underlying tissue(s). Although friction and shear are not primary causes of pressure ulcers, friction and shear are important contributing factors to the development of pressure ulcers. (3-30-06)

152. ADMISSION POLICIES

05. **Policies of Acceptable Admissions.** Written descriptions of the conditions for admitting residents to the facility must include: (3-30-06)

b. No resident will be admitted or retained who requires ongoing skilled nursing or care not within the legally licensed authority of the facility. Such residents include: (3-30-06)

viii. A resident with open, draining wounds for which the drainage cannot be contained;

ix. A resident with a Stage III or IV pressure ulcer; (3-30-06)

x. A resident with any type of pressure ulcer or open wound that is not improving bi-weekly;(3-30-06)

Additional Information from Licensing and Certification Regarding Pressure Ulcers and Discharge:

Is it okay for the facility to give notice when a resident acquires a stage 3 pressure ulcer, or does the resident have to move out immediately?
Yes, they can give notice provided the facility can meet the resident's needs before the discharge is to take place. The NSA must include the plan regarding the skin care needs of the resident. Staff must be trained to implement the plan and must be delegated by the RN in regards to the resident's skin care needs. There must be enough staff available to meet the resident's mobility/turning needs if the resident requires extensive assistance. If the facility is unable to meet the immediate needs of the resident, then a 30 day notice would not be appropriate.

If the ulcer then heals before the notice is do they still have to move? No, provided there is documentation the ulcer is healed and a plan is in place to prevent further skin breakdown.