

ARIZONA PIONEERS' HOME

Introduction



THE MISSION OF THE ARIZONA PIONEERS' HOME IS TO PROVIDE A HOME FOR ARIZONA PIONEERS AND DISABLED MINERS THAT DELIVERS THE OPTIMAL PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SPIRITUAL CARE IN A HOMELIKE AND COMPASSIONATE ENVIRONMENT. QUALITY CARE IS PROVIDED IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER, PROTECTING DIGNITY AND HONORING THE PERSONAL DIRECTIVES OF EACH RESIDENT, WHILE CONSIDERING THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL.

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Hello!

Thank you for your interest in the Arizona Pioneers' Home! First, I would like to share a little history with you and then we'll get into the details of who qualifies to live at the Arizona Pioneers' Home.

The Arizona Pioneers' Home is an assisted living facility operated and funded by the State of Arizona. The Home provides assisted living care and services to residents that meet the qualifications for admission are defined in state statute.

The Arizona Pioneers' Home began as the brainchild of three prominent Prescott citizens, A.J. Doran, Frank M. Murphy and Johnny Duke, to repay the faithful and longtime Arizona residents who helped pioneer and build the state. A.J. Doran sponsored a bill to create the Pioneers' Home in Arizona's Territorial Legislature in 1907. The initial bill failed, but it gained the full support of both houses two years later, and was signed into law by then Territorial Governor Joseph H. Kibbey, on March 11, 1909.

Frank M. Murphy donated four and a half acres in southwest Prescott as the building site, and later T.G. Norris donated adjacent land to the North. The original red brick three story building with porticos was designed by local Prescott architect, W.S. Elliot and built for \$25,000. The Pioneers' Home opened its doors on February 1, 1911, situated atop a granite promontory overlooking the City of Prescott, Arizona. A.J. Doran was named the first Superintendent and served from February, 1911 to August, 1912.

Initially the home was built to house 40 men, but in 1916, pursuant to the benevolent donation from W.S. Parsons, an addition of a women's wing was completed to provide for 20 women. Later, in 1929, the home was again expanded to include Arizona's Hospital for Disabled Miners.

Today the Home can care for up to 125 residents, and operates via appropriations annually through state land trusts. The current population of residents includes individuals from throughout the State of Arizona. Residents of the Pioneers' Home pay a portion of their care based on their income, which is deposited back into the general fund.

Now, the next page lists the Arizona Revised Statute that explains the requirements for who qualifies to live here at the Home. If you feel that you or your loved one meets the qualifications of a Pioneer or a Miner, please keep reading the explanation of the Admissions Application and the Frequently Asked Questions.

If you have questions or are ready to ask for an application, I'd love to hear from you.

Thank you,

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WHO CAN LIVE AT THE ARIZONA PIONEERS' HOME?

Two groups of individuals qualify to live at the Home as residents.

- ◆ Arizona Pioneer – ARS 41-923: Arizona Pioneer, meaning a person of good character (per A.R.S. 41-923) that meets the following guidelines:
 - Is and has been for a period of five years prior to his application for admission a citizen or legal resident of the United States.
 - Has been a resident of this state for not less than fifty years.
 - Has reached the age of seventy or more years.
 - At the time of admission, is ambulatory, has proper bowel and bladder control and is able to bathe, clothe and feed himself without assistance.
 - At the time of admission, does not require care in a hospital or in a skilled care or intermediate care nursing home.
 - An applicant for admission to the home shall submit to the superintendent a verified financial statement showing all assets and income, a social and health history and the results of a current medical examination on forms furnished or approved by the superintendent.
 - The superintendent may admit a person to the home when a full examination and investigation reveal that the person possesses the qualifications prescribed by this section.

- ◆ Disabled Miner - ARS 41-942: A person, under the order of the Governor, may be admitted to the Hospital for Disabled Miners who:
 - Has been a resident while in the occupation of mining in this state.
 - Is a citizen or legal resident of the United States.
 - Has reached the age of sixty years or more, and is financially unable to support himself, or has suffered incapacitating injuries arising from and in the course of mining.
 - Based on available space and funding, the governor may approve a person for admission to the hospital for miners with disabilities who has not yet reached the age of sixty years but otherwise qualifies for admission under subsection A.
 - For the purposes of this section:
 - "Claim" has the same meaning prescribed in section 27-301.
 - "Mine" has the same meaning prescribed in section 27-301.
 - "Mining":
 - Has the same meaning prescribed in section 27-301.

- Does not include performing executive, administrative, support or clerical functions for the owner or operator of a mine, unless a person who performs executive, administrative, support or clerical functions for the owner or operator of the mine had significant environmental exposure to mining activities that could be detrimental to a person's health.
- Does not include activities performed by an owner of a private mining claim who did not actually work the claim.
- "Incapacitating injuries" shall be defined as such injury that renders the person unable to perform one or more of the following activities of daily living: ambulation, bathing, toileting, grooming, eating or getting in or out of bed or a chair by oneself.

THE APPLICATION

- Pursuant to A.R.S. 41-923(A,C) and in connection with your application for residency, we need to procure certain background information concerning the applicant which is contained in a consumer report. You have the right to decline authorization for us to procure a consumer report. *However, we will not consider you further for residency if you so decline.*
 - ✓ A.R.S. 41-923(A) A person of good character is eligible to be admitted to the Arizona Pioneers' Home.
 - ✓ A.R.S. 41-923(C) The superintendent may admit a person to the home when a full examination and investigation reveal that the person possesses the qualifications prescribed by this section.
- **The applicant will need an appointment with his/her primary medical provider, to have the following filled out (by the medical provider) and returned with the application.**
 - 90 Day Determination** - The Arizona Administrative Code section R9-10-807 requires that they submit documentation of determination of their level of care that is dated within 90 calendar days before they are accepted by an assisted living facility
 - Disabled Miner Physician's Certificate** (*Miners only*)
 - History & Physical**
 - TB Test/COVID-19 Vaccine Information**
 - ✓ **TB:** Documentation must be from a licensed health care provider in the form of a tuberculin (TB) test or chest x-ray that is no older than 12 months.
 - ✓ **COVID-19:** Before admission please disclose your COVID-19 vaccine status, and provide your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card if you have received the vaccine.
- **At this time, you will also need to schedule an eye exam, and a dental exam (regardless if you have dentures).** The following are Arizona Pioneers' Home forms that must be filled out and returned:
 - Pre-Admission Eye Examination**

Pre-Admission Dental Examination

- ✓ Dental: Any pre-existing issues will be the sole responsibility of the resident. Once admitted, the Arizona Pioneers' Home will pay half of each dental bill, not related to a pre-existing issue, until the \$1,000 lifetime maximum is reached.
- ✓ Eye: Once admitted, the Arizona Pioneers' Home will split the cost 50/50 up to \$150 for costs incurred for a vision exam and when a change of prescription warrants replacement.
- ✓ There is a waiver that can be signed in the event that a pre-admission eye or dental exam cannot be completed or you choose not to complete one. It states the following: " I acknowledge that I have not provided a Pre-Admission Exam to the Arizona Pioneers' Home prior to my admission on _____. Therefore, by signing below I accept full responsibility for any and all expenses I incur after admission until such time that I have an exam to establish a baseline of any pre-existing conditions. It will not be until that time that I may participate in the Home's 50/50 payment of care expenses I incur that are not pre-existing, with a maximum of \$1,000.00 on dental expenses."

- Arizona Pioneers' Home documents to be filled out and signed by the applicant at the time of the application:

- Defining Independence
- Affidavit of Mining Employment (*Miners only*)
- Admission Form
- Resident Statement (Pioneers only)
- U.S. Citizenship Verification
- Notice to Applicant of Intent to Obtain A Consumer Report
- Disclosure Regarding Background Investigation
- Acknowledgment and Authorization for Background Check
- Resident Representative Contact Info
- Primary Care Physician
- Health Insurance Information
- Authorization for Disclosure of Health Information (Arizona Pioneers' Home staff will request two (2) years of medical records from all providers)
- Medical Provider List
- Mortuary Selection
- Rules
- Acknowledgements

- Insurance Requirements

- A resident must maintain either VA coverage, **OR** an Advantage plan that includes Medicare Part D (Drug plan), **OR** Medicare Parts A & B and a supplemental plan that has a separate Medicare Part D plan, **OR** Medicare Parts A & B and AHCCCS coverage. All insurance coverage must be valid in Yavapai County.
- A resident is required to maintain insurance coverage that covers the cost of prescription medication. If medication is not covered by VA or AHCCCS, the resident must maintain a

Medicare Part D insurance policy while they are a resident of the Arizona Pioneers' Home. This must be either in a standalone Part D policy or part of an Advantage plan.

- You will need to supply copies of:
 - The following cards, front and back
 - ✓ Social Security Card
 - ✓ Arizona Driver's License/Arizona Photo ID
 - ✓ Medicare card
 - ✓ Veteran's ID (if applicable)
 - ✓ Medicare card (if applicable)
 - ✓ Supplement insurance card (if applicable)
 - ✓ Medicare Part "D" insurance card (if applicable)
 - ✓ Advantage Plan insurance card (if applicable)
 - ✓ AHCCCS card (if applicable)
 - Healthcare and Financial Directives – We have forms for each at the end of the application that you may use if you don't already have these documents filled out and signed by your designated Resident Representative(s).
 - ✓ Healthcare Power of Attorney
 - ✓ Mental Health Power of Attorney
 - ✓ Financial Power of Attorney
 - ✓ Living Will
 - ✓ DNR or FULL Code (You must choose one OR the other, do not fill out both.)

- Payment for Care Packet (Pioneers & Miners Qualifying Financially only)– Informational packet that includes the list of financial statements/documents we need.
 - Residential Financial Disclosure form
 - Bank statements: The most recent three months of bank statements for ALL active checking, savings and money market accounts.
 - Social Security: Please turn in the Benefit Amount Letter that the Social Security Administration sends out in December, if you have it.
 - Tax Return for the previous tax year – Federal and State
 - Pension
 - CD's/interest bearing accounts
 - Annuities and/or Dividends
 - Loan payments or receivable payments from others
 - House/property value: address of house/property.
 - Assets: Have you disposed of any assets with a value greater than \$1000, (property or money) in the past 24 months?
 - Trust Fund documents
 - Accounts or income not listed above
 - Part "D": premium statement
 - Health insurance: premium statement

- Burial or life insurance policy: (One of these could be deducted from your rent)
- Per Arizona Pioneers' Home policy, prior to admission an applicant is required to furnish the Arizona Pioneers' Home with a credit history report. Debts of this type must be paid out of the monthly spending allowance they are permitted to keep each month.
 - There are several ways to obtain a credit report. You only need to do ONE of these.
 - ✓ Online at <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/requestReport/requestForm.action>
 - ✓ Call ONE of the three reporting companies. We only need ONE report.
 - Equifax 1 (888) 548-7878
 - Experian 1 (888) 397-3742
 - TransUnion 1 (800) 916-8800

Once we receive the completed application and the medical records, our staff will review to determine if we can offer an Admissions Meeting. At the Admissions Meeting, we will give you the Arizona Pioneers' Home Handbook and Residency Agreement so you can familiarize yourself with our Home. After the Meeting, if accepted, we will provide you with an admission date, Payment for Care amount (for Pioneers) and further instructions, as soon as possible.

And that's it! All in less than 90 Days (per Assisted Living licensing regulations).

So, call me soon to determine if you qualify as a Pioneer or a Miner so I can send you the correct application.

Thank you for your interest in the Arizona Pioneers' Home, and as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ♦ What level of care do you offer? Only qualified physically disabled miners are exempt from the 60-Day Adjustment Period in which a resident must remain independent in order to become a permanent resident of the Arizona Pioneers' Home.
 - *Supervisory care services – General supervision, including daily awareness of resident functioning and continuing needs. The ability to intervene in a crisis and assistance in the self-administration of prescribed medication. The facility is to be available for emergencies, reminding, and knowing the whereabouts of the resident.*
 - *Personal care services – Assistance with activities of daily living.*
 - *Directed care services - Incapable of recognizing danger, summoning assistance, expressing need or making basic care decisions.*

- ♦ 60-Day Adjustment Period
 - New residents (except qualifying miners), are admitted on a 60-Day Adjustment Period, calculated from the admit date.
 - During the first 60 days in the Arizona Pioneers' Home, a new resident is required to spend each night. This allows for sufficient time for a new resident to adjust to his/her new environment.
 - At 21, 45 and again at 60 days, staff will evaluate how a new resident is adjusting to the Arizona Pioneers' Home. If a person's health fails, or other circumstances occur and statutory requirements to live at the Arizona Pioneers' Home are not met, the person is discharged until he/she can again meet the requirements, at which time the person can be readmitted.
 - When it is determined that a new resident is not meeting the requirements to successfully complete the 60-Day Adjustment Period, a 30-day notice is given to the resident and their representative in which to make other living arrangements.

- ♦ How does the Pioneers' Home define independent/independence?
 - As a NEW RESIDENT admitted as a "Pioneer" you must complete a 60-Day Adjustment Period in which you must remain independent in order to become a permanent resident of the Pioneers' Home. In order to ensure understanding, we have developed the following so that you may understand what the Home considers independence/independent and what you need to be able to demonstrate to complete the trial period successfully. It is not all inclusive but covers most of what nursing will evaluate you on. Note: If due to illness or injury you temporarily require additional care such as the Arizona Pioneers' Home infirmary, hospital, or rehabilitation facility, once your independent abilities are regained, your 60-Day Adjustment Period may be extended by the number of days you were in the infirmary or out of the Arizona Pioneers' Home.

 - As a 1st and 3rd FLOOR PERMANENT RESIDENT, MINER OR PIONEER, you must maintain your independence in order to remain on what is considered an independent floor of the Home. The following criteria shall also be considered in determining if you should move to the 2nd floor for infirmary care.
 - Able to demonstrate continence or ability to manage bowel and bladder incontinence independently. Able to change and dispose of soiled briefs or pads in a sanitary manner by placing in a sealed bag and placing in garbage container. Ability to clean self, clothes and linens if incontinent and/or use a urinal and disposing of urine in the toilet and rinse in designated station only. Room must remain odor free.
 - Able to bathe or shower independently and safely twice weekly and shampoo own hair at least once weekly. Ability to enter into shower stall or tub, turn water to a safe temperature and exit shower stall or tub without assistance from any other person. Able to dress in clean clothes after bathing/showering.
 - Ability to ambulate independently and safely (with or without walker and/or cane) from designated room to lobby, dining room, or North Infirmary. Able to ambulate safely

outside of building to doctor appointments, work the elevator without assistance and navigate stairs in case of an emergency.

- Ability to locate important/significant areas of the facility - meaning your assigned room, nurse's station, lobby, restrooms and dining room without verbal or physical cues within two weeks of admission. Able to evacuate facility during an emergency with minimum verbal or physical cues.
 - Able to maintain room cleanliness by keeping items picked up off of the floor, making bed daily, washing linens weekly & as needed, take garbage out to larger cans in the hallway, place incontinence pads and briefs tied up in smaller bags into the larger cans. Small items must be moved out of the way in order for housekeeping to clean the floors each week.
 - Ability to care for your physical needs without assistance from others. Able to bathe, toilet, transfer, ambulate, feed, groom and dress yourself without assistance from others. Must attend at least two of the three daily meals each day in dining room.
 - Able to manage day to day activities both physically and cognitively without excessive verbal cues
- ♦ What is the cost of living at the Arizona Pioneers' Home?
- ♦ Residents (except qualifying miners) are required to pay, to the extent that they are financially able to do so, the cost incurred by the State of Arizona.
 - ♦ In determining a resident's payment:
 - Income from all sources is totaled.
 - See the section titled, "What if I own a house?" which explains how we calculate the interest earned from the value of the house/property and add that to your monthly income.
 - Residents keep \$240.00 of their total monthly income for a monthly spending allowance (personal debt, cable, cell phone or car insurance payments, lunch out with a friend, etc.).
 - Then we give credits for the following (if they apply):
 - Supplement insurance/Part D insurance **OR** an Advantage Plan
 - Dental, Vision, Hearing insurance
 - Burial Plan (only if currently paying for the plan) **OR** Life Insurance plan (only if currently paying for and the face value is under \$10,000)
 - We then subtract the credits from the income and the remaining amount is what a person pays to live at the Arizona Pioneers' Home. This amount is also known as Payment for Care.

- ◆ Who pays for what?
 - ◆ Residents are provided medical care in the most cost-effective manner (A.R.S. §41-924.B). Statutes further read: If not covered by Medicare, the Arizona Pioneers' Home will not be responsible for any charges that occur.
 - ◆ Any resident seeing an outside medical provider is directly responsible for billing and payments.
 - ◆ Regardless of whom a resident selects for a provider, the insurance must cover deductibles and other costs not covered by Medicare or AHCCCS. The Arizona Pioneers' Home will pay Medicare Part D co-pay amounts for covered services.
 - ◆ If treatments, medical devices and related items extend beyond the normal Medicare payment limits, the resident will be billed separately by the provider. The Arizona Pioneers' Home is not responsible for medical and related expenses that exceed Medicare treatment guidelines. Exceptional costs are subject to review and approval by the Administration. Care providers are notified that the Arizona Pioneers' Home will not assume expenses beyond Medicare limits. Residents wishing to continue treatments that are not covered by Medicare will be responsible for payment of any related costs. Any questions residents have about specific services and procedures should be discussed with Nursing staff, Resident Services and the Accounting Supervisor before incurring the expense.
 - ◆ Residents requiring specialty care that cannot be performed by the Arizona Pioneers' Home's contracted providers' may be referred to specialists and clinics that accept Medicare assignment when possible. Residents who refuse to use specialists who are covered by their insurance are responsible for any costs that are not covered by their insurance.

- ◆ Medications
 - ◆ Drugs and medicine are dispensed to residents as prescribed by a medical provider.
 - ◆ Residents are not permitted to keep any type of prescription or over-the-counter medication in their room unless approved by the nursing staff and ordered by the Primary Care Provider.

- ◆ Church Services
 - ◆ Our chapel is open at all times and we have regularly scheduled services from a variety of denominations are listed on the Activity calendar.

- ◆ Meals
 - ◆ Three meals are offered each day.
 - ◆ Residents may go at any time during dining times to be served. Serving times are:
 - Breakfast 6:30-8:30 am
 - Lunch 11:00 am-12:30pm

- Supper 4:00-5:30 pm.
- ♦ If space is available, guests may be accommodated for a small charge. A 24-hour notice should be given when requesting to have a guest. Lunch guests can be accommodated after 12 noon.
- ♦ Residents are offered choices from daily menus, which are modified as dietary needs direct.

- ♦ What type of activities does the Pioneers' Home offer?
 - ♦ At the Arizona Pioneers' Home, you can be as active as you want to be! Here is just a sample of the activities that our Activities program offers.
 - Birthday parties
 - Bus rides and outings
 - Pet Visits
 - Movie Nights
 - Exercise Programs
 - Bocce Ball
 - Card games
 - Bingo
 - Musical Concerts
 - Karaoke
 - Visits from local school children and clubs throughout the area.
 - Shopping trip to a local store every week, such as Wal-Mart

- ♦ Roommates/Private Room
 - ♦ For all residents in double occupancy rooms compatibility is considered based on availability.
 - ♦ New residents may be given a choice of rooms if there is more than one space vacant at the time they will be moving in.
 - ♦ All residents sharing a room on the 1st or 3rd floor will automatically have their name placed on the private room waiting list. These are offered based on admission date. Some private rooms are restricted to those who can ambulate and have no difficulty using stairways and ramps in the event of evacuation. The Nursing Department will make the determination on a case-by-case basis. They are not offered to those who do not meet these qualifications. Infirmaries have no private rooms.
 - ♦ An attempt is made for all new residents that have not fulfilled the 60-Day Adjustment Period to have a roommate during the entire time. This is part of the Adjustment Period.
 - ♦ When an incompatibility situation arises between roommates that cannot be resolved, both residents will be moved.
 - ♦ Upon admission, each resident signs a statement which reads, "I understand that I may be asked to move from one room to another and that I will do so willingly."

- ♦ Room Size
 - ♦ Generally double occupancy rooms provide a resident with space of about 8' x 15'.
 - ♦ No two rooms are alike here at the Arizona Pioneers' Home due to our unique architecture and two additions to the original building that was built over 100 years ago. Rooms are not uniform in size and configurations with heaters, closets, toilet access and sinks will cause variations in both floor plans and living spaces. Not all private or shared rooms are equipped with a toilet and no rooms include showers – there are many bathrooms with both located throughout the building.
- ♦ Laundry
 - ♦ The Pioneers' Home Laundry Room - We have an in-house laundry room and residents are assigned a day and time to use it.
 - ♦ Laundry Service – The Arizona Pioneers' Home contracts with a local service that resident can choose to use at their own expense.
 - ♦ Family – Residents can send their laundry home with family to do it at their place and bring it back to the Home, with a reasonable turnaround time, of course.
- ♦ Can I bring my car?
 - ♦ One vehicle per resident is permitted. Residents may not keep a vehicle on the property if they do not drive.
 - ♦ You must provide a spare key to the Business Office at the Arizona Pioneers' Home.
 - ♦ A current Arizona driver's license, registration and insurance must be maintained.
 - ♦ Residents may park in any available space around the building, except for those having a parking restriction.
 - ♦ If your vehicle needs to be moved or towed, it will be at the owners' expense.
 - ♦ There are no reserved parking spaces.
- ♦ What if I own a house?
 - ♦ If the applicant owns a house independently:
 - The Arizona Pioneers' Home will assess the Fair Market Value of the house and charge interest of 100% of the value and add this to the monthly income of the applicant/resident.
 - Any profits from the sale of a house or property (before or after admission to the Arizona Pioneers' Home), will not be considered as income.
 - If/when the house is sold (two years before or after admission), the interest earned on the monies from the sale of the house will be considered as income for two years after admission to the Home (whether or not the applicant/resident keeps the money).
 - ♦ If the house is jointly owned between the applicant and any other person:

- The Arizona Pioneers' Home will assess the Fair Market Value of the house and charge interest of 50% of the value and add this to the monthly income of the applicant/resident.
- If/when the house is sold (two years before or after admission), the interest earned on the monies from the sale of the house will be considered as income for two years after admission to the Home (whether or not the applicant/resident keeps the money).

Thanks again for checking us out. Let me know if you want to come up for a chat on the front porch, or to pick up an application. I look forward to hearing from you soon!