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**ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY CONTINUES TO  
THREATEN EVICTION OF DYING RESIDENT**

**Ninety-nine year-old woman with dementia who pays facility  
\$330,000 is evicted when she goes on Medicaid  
– Her Story Continues**

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**SEATTLE, WA—June 3, 2008—Ninety-nine-year-old** Cordelia Robertson continues to be threatened with eviction from Franklin House Assisted Living Facility where she has lived for the past 10 years, paying over \$330,000. Assisted Living Concepts, Inc. (ALC) owns Franklin House Assisted Living Facility in Sumner, WA. ALC served Mrs. Robertson with the eviction lawsuit two days after she turned 99.

ALC brought the eviction because Mrs. Robertson had converted to Medicaid, claiming that Franklin House had no Medicaid apartments. After being served yesterday with Mrs. Robertson's responsive legal papers, including declarations from the Department of Social and Health Services showing that Franklin House *did* have Medicaid apartments available, and learning that Mrs. Robertson is now on Hospice Care due to her declining health, ALC requested a continuance of the June 2<sup>nd</sup> court hearing, but ALC refused to dismiss the eviction lawsuit. ALC struck the June 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing from the court's calendar, but could seek a court hearing at any time to complete the eviction process.

The Robertsons believe this recent move to prolong the litigation process is an attempt to take advantage of their mother's declining health. "Franklin House is hoping that our mother will die in the next month or two so that they don't have to face the press on this issue," says Gene Robertson, the son of Cordelia Robertson. "We've been put through the wringer for over a year. We want them to dismiss the lawsuit and stop pursuing my

mother for money she doesn't owe. Or, we just want the judge to hear our case so our mother can live peacefully in her home for the remainder of her life."

Louise Ryan, the Washington State Long-Term Care Ombudsman is no stranger to facilities trying to evict their Medicaid residents. "Eviction of frail elderly people from assisted living facilities is a serious problem across our state and the country," says Louise Ryan. "I learn of situations like Mrs. Robertson's far too often. This needs to stop."

Assisted Living Concepts, Inc. is the sixth largest provider of assisted living facilities in the country. It operates 216 assisted living facilities with more than 9,076 units in 20 states, including 21 facilities in Washington State. According to ALC's website, its net profit has increased in four of the past five quarters, nearly double its profits in 2006, as a result of eliminating hundreds of its Medicaid residents. If ALC were a nursing home, federal law would require the facilities to retain their Medicaid residents. However, the federal laws do not apply to assisted living facilities, and thus provide elderly and frail residents no protection.

Cordelia Robertson is represented by the law firm of Crollard Kahn, PLLC, who contracts with the Washington State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program to provide legal services to long term care facility residents.

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