Thank you for contacting us for information related to opening/operating an adult day care program in the state of Missouri.  A licensed adult day care program provides services and supervision to five (5) or more functionally impaired adults for periods of less than twenty-four (24) hours but more than two (2) hours per day in a place other than the adults’ own home.  Services required to be provided include social activities, transportation, personal care, meals/snacks and therapeutic activities.

A good place to start when considering opening an ADC program is to review the regulations that govern them.  DHSS has many requirements that must be complied with in order to operate an ADC program.  You can access a complete copy of the ADC regulations at: <http://health.mo.gov/seniors/nursinghomes/lawsregs.php#Regs>  (Chapter 90).

A licensed adult day care must comply with all state, county, and city requirements.  Occupancy and business permits must be obtained, if required by the county or city in which the center will conduct business in.  These permits must be obtained prior to an initial inspection being conducted by the Department of Health and Senior Services for licensure.

After approval of an application to operate an adult day care program, an initial inspection will be conducted at the ADC program.  If the program is in compliance with all licensure regulations during that inspection, the center will receive a license to begin operating.

A licensed Adult Day Care program can also apply to receive reimbursement from MO HealthNet for providing services to Medicaid eligible participants.  In order to become a provider, you will need to follow the provider enrollment process for ADC programs located at: <http://mmac.mo.gov/providers/provider-enrollment/home-and-community-based-services/>

Please contact the Licensure Unit with any additional questions you may have at 573-526-8508. Tracy J. Niekamp, Program Manager, Section for Long Term Care Regulation,

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