

Dear Dr. Dougherty,

Attached is a revised manuscript of the paper “Clinical Outcomes of Aging in Place”. The following revisions were made based on reviewer comments:

1. The purpose of the manuscript was placed in the first paragraph.
2. Sample size and statistical significance information was added to studies in the review of literature with clinical implication related to community-based care.
3. An explanation related to how the outcome measures were selected was added on page 12 paragraph 1.
4. A theoretical framework was added based on the Medical Outcomes Study framework and Donabedian’s Quality Assessment Model.
5. A more detailed explanation of outcome scores with ranges was added.
6. Average RN and LPN time by group was added to the result section.
7. Discussion of attrition was expanded with a table of reasons for attrition by time period.
8. There was limited data on social support, however add data on living arrangements for the AIP group and tested the relationship between living alone and attrition from the study.
9. The description of the AIP intervention was expanded.
10. In the discussion section, the lack of clinical outcome data for an MCO comparison group was discussed.
11. The ADL scores were not hierarchical. The subject could score 0-4 on each of five scales. The ADL measurement section was expanded.
12. Subjects were recruited from the MCO program and generally were not admitted following a hospitalization as would be the case if subjects were recruited post Medicare home health care. The discussion of the enrollment procedure was expanded.
13. The analyses are directed by the research questions. The purpose was to see the effect of the intervention on specific clinical outcomes. In the future secondary analyses may be performed to examine the effect of specific clinical conditions such as cognitive impairment on depression.

The reviewer comments were very helpful. Please contact me if further explanation is required. I have relocated. My new address is:

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