Each Home Instead Senior Care franchise office is independently owned and operated.

FACT SHEET
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PERSONAL CARE HOMES, PRIVATE HOME CARE & BOARDING HOMES (A.K.A. MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS)

**Personal Care Homes:**
“Any dwelling, whether operated for profit or not, which undertakes through its ownership or management to provide or arrange for the provision of housing, food service, and one or more personal services for two or more adults who are not related to the owner or administrator by blood or marriage. ‘Personal services’ include, but is not limited to, individual assistance with or supervision such as eating, bathing, dressing and toileting.” Authority O.C.G.A. Sections 31-2-4, 31-7-2, 31-7-12.

For more information, call the Office of Regulatory Services, Personal Care Home Program at (404) 657-5850.

**Private Home Care (i.e. Home Instead Senior Care):**
“Items and services provided (by a Private Home Care Provider) at a patient’s residence (permanent/temporary, own apartment/house, friend’s/relative’s/personal care home) that involve direct care to that patient and includes, without limitation, any of all the following: 1) **nursing services**…provided by a person licensed as a Registered Professional Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse… (i.e. wound care, IV therapy, etc.); 2) **personal care task** including assistance with bathing, toileting, grooming, shaving, dental care, dressing, and eating, and may include but is not limited to proper nutrition, home management, housekeeping tasks, ambulation and transfer, and medically related activities, including the taking of vital signs only in conjunction with the above tasks; and 3) **companion or sitter tasks** which are provided to elderly, handicapped, or convalescing individuals (which can include): transport and escort services; meal preparation and serving; and household tasks essential to cleanliness and safety. Private Home Care Services shall **not** include physical, speech, or occupational therapy; medical nutrition therapy, medical social services; or home health aide services provided by a home health agency.” Authority O.C.G.A. 31-7-300 et seq.

Private Home Care services are usually provided to a single individual in that person’s residence (as defined above). However, on some occasions, several Private Home Care consumers may choose to live in a congregate setting (house, apartment, etc.) but receive services individually from the provider agency or their choice.

For more information, call the Office of Regulatory Services, Private Home Care Section (404) 657-1509.

**Boarding Homes (A.K.A. Multi-Family Dwellings):**
A boarding home is a congregate living arrangement between a landlord and tenant in which tenant may share not only the common areas of the home but may also share a bedroom and bath with other tenants. The services provided in a boarding home and usually lodging and some meals. The provision of laundry services, transportation, money management and activities are established by the landlord and tenant. The landlord shall not provide supervision of person, supervision of medications, assistance with activities of daily living, or nursing services. Otherwise, the home would fall under the guidelines of a Personal Care Home and must have a Personal Care Home permit issued by the State of Georgia.

For more information, contact your local Business License and Inspections Department or Planning Commission.