# Employee Retention Tax Credit for Assisted Living Facilities

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### ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Partial Shutdown drives larger tax credit than PPP loan

Assisted living facilities have been subject to significant restrictions enacted by health departments as a result of COVID-19. While assisted living facilities have remained open throughout the crisis to serve their customers, the restrictions have had a significant financial impact on them. In many cases, decreasing occupancy rates affected their bottom line. The Employee Retention Tax Credit can result in a significant reimbursement of these lost economics.

> \$400K PPP LOANS + \$400K ERTC 2020 + \$700K ERTC 2021 = \$1.5M

#### CHALLENGE

#### **Decreased occupancy due to government restrictions**

A retirement community owns two facilities with **150 total rooms** and approximately 140 total employees (80 full-time, 60 part-time). Access restrictions and requirements to allow residents out of their contract imposed by the Ohio Department of Health resulted in an **occupancy rate decrease from 97% to 82%** over roughly 9 months.

#### PROBLEM

#### **Confusion around eligibility**

The retirement community assumed they would not be eligible for the Employee Retention Tax Credit because they remained operational throughout the pandemic and did not experience a 50% decline in gross receipts.

#### SOLUTION

#### Clarus identifies eligibility due to COVID-19 impact

After talking with tax experts at Clarus, the retirement community discovered that they were eligible for the ERTC as a result of experiencing a partial shutdown due to government mandates. Since they had **less than 100 full-time employees**, all wages during the shutdown period were qualified, resulting in a **\$1,100,000 tax credit**, which exceeded the PPP loan they obtained earlier in the year.

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