A Life Safety Code (LSC) survey was conducted as per The Code of Federal Register at 42CFR 483.70(a); using the 2000 New Health Care section of the LSC and its referenced publications. The facility is utilizing special locking arrangements. In the exit conference all deficiencies noted were discussed with administration.

Stories: one
Construction Type III (111)
Constructed: 2007
Fully Sprinkled - Yes
At time of survey the:
Certified Beds: Medicare/Medicaid - 4
Census - 0

The requirement at 42 CFR, Subpart 483.70(a) is NOT MET as evidence by:

NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE STANDARD
A fire alarm system required for life safety is installed, tested, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 70 National Electrical Code and NFPA 72. The system has an approved maintenance and testing program complying with applicable requirements of NFPA 70 and 72. 9.6.1.4

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:
42 CFR 483.70 (a)

Based on observations and document review on 4/22/2015 at approximately 9:00 AM onward, the fire alarm annunciator panel behind the nurse station did not have an

At the time of the Life Safety Inspection on April 22, 2015, it was discovered that the fire alarm annunciator panel behind the nurse station did not have an
Following deficiencies were noted:

The facility failed to meet the requirements for an operating Fire Alarm Control Panel.

The Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP) located at the nurses station did not have an audible alert that was likely to be heard. The audible alert was very faint and staff needed to be very close to the FACP to notice the alert.

The deficiency affects the only FACP at the nurses station.

Ref: NFPA 70 and 72 Section 9.6.1.4

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Audible alert that was able to be clearly heard.

Upon close inspection after the survey, Schneider Electric discovered that a small screw had been placed into the hole where the audible alert emanates from.

The screw was removed and the system alerted in a clearly audible tone. Corrective measures by the facility maintenance and security staff were taken to lock the panel to avoid further tampering.

Monthly inspections of the fire alarm annunciator panel will be conducted during regularly scheduled fire drills to ensure that the panel operates properly.