A complaint investigation was conducted onsite on 8/25/20 and additional phone interviews and record reviews were conducted offsite through 8/27/20. Three of the twelve complaint allegations were substantiated resulting in the deficiencies of F689 and F925. See event ID LL5X11 for further information.

§483.10(i) Safe Environment.
The resident has a right to a safe, clean, comfortable and homelike environment, including but not limited to receiving treatment and supports for daily living safely.

The facility must provide-
§483.10(i)(1) A safe, clean, comfortable, and homelike environment, allowing the resident to use his or her personal belongings to the extent possible.
(i) This includes ensuring that the resident can receive care and services safely and that the physical layout of the facility maximizes resident independence and does not pose a safety risk.
(ii) The facility shall exercise reasonable care for the protection of the resident's property from loss or theft.

§483.10(i)(2) Housekeeping and maintenance services necessary to maintain a sanitary, orderly, and comfortable interior;

§483.10(i)(3) Clean bed and bath linens that are in good condition;

§483.10(i)(4) Private closet space in each
### Statement of Deficiencies and Plan of Correction

**Date Survey Completed:**
08/27/2020

**Name of Provider or Supplier:**
PELICAN HEALTH THOMASVILLE

**Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:**
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**Description:** Housekeeping and nursing. During an observation of the shower room, the administrator stated the shower room did not appear to have been clean nor cleaned. The observation revealed 3 bath towels on the floor, 1 appearing wet and 2 appearing dry. An additional towel was observed hanging over the back of a rolling Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) shower chair. There was a trash can with no liner, 5 disposable gloves and part of a vacuum cleaner hose in the trash can. The tile walls had visible dark matter on the tile and grout surface near the floor of the shower. Peeling paint was observed around the window casing in the shower. There was a buildup of dust on both ceiling mounted exhaust fans. There were multiple unsealed gaps from where the mortared back of the tiles could be observed around the window and door. The administrator stated it was his expectation for the shower to have been kept clean and cleaned after each shower had been completed. Upon exiting the shower the missing cove base in the hallway to the right of the shower door was observed and the administrator stated the maintenance director had only been at the facility for about a week and both he and the maintenance director were aware of construction concerns which needed attention at the facility. The administrator stated both he and the maintenance director were working on a list of construction concerns for the building and were working on resolving the concerns.

2. During an observation of the environment in room 212, B bed, conducted on 8/25/20 at 11:51 AM, a hole was observed behind the bed on the right side of the bed. The hole was 1-2 inches wide and 4-6 inches tall. The hole went through the sheetrock and the inside of the wall could be...
visualized through the hole. Further observation revealed a buildup of dust on the over the bed light which was stuck to a paper towel when the area was wiped.

During an observation of the environment in room 212, B bed, conducted on 8/25/20 at 5:54 PM, a hole was observed behind the bed on the right side of the bed. The hole was 1-2 inches wide and 4-6 inches tall. The hole went through the sheetrock and the inside of the wall could be visualized through the hole. Further observation revealed a buildup of dust on the over the bed light which was stuck to a paper towel when the area was wiped.

Observations were conducted in conjunction with an interview with the administrator on 8/25/20 which started at 6:11 PM. The administrator stated the maintenance director had only been at the facility for about a week and both he and the maintenance director were aware of construction concerns which needed attention at the facility. During an observation of room 212B a hole was observed behind the bed on the right side of the bed. The hole was 1-2 inches wide and 4-6 inches tall. The hole went through the sheetrock and the inside of the wall could be visualized through the hole. Further observation revealed a buildup of dust on the over the bed light which was stuck to a paper towel when the area was wiped. The administrator stated both he and the maintenance director were working on a list of construction concerns for the building and were working on resolving the concerns. The administrator also explained it was his expectation for high dusting to be completed as part of routine room cleaning.
### Summary Statement of Deficiencies

#### CFR(s): 483.25(d)(1)(2) - §483.25(d) Accidents

The facility must ensure that -
- §483.25(d)(1) The resident environment remains as free of accident hazards as is possible; and
- §483.25(d)(2) Each resident receives adequate supervision and assistance devices to prevent accidents.

This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by:

- Based on observations and staff interviews, the facility failed to maintain a safe environment by failure to keep chemicals secured and failure to empty an overflowing sharps container for one of one shower room (200 hall shower), reviewed for safety.

Findings included:

- An observation was conducted on 8/25/20 at 9:02 AM and 5:43 PM of the unlocked 200 hall shower room. The observation revealed an unlocked wall cabinet with a loose door which hung ajar. Further observation revealed the contents inside of the unlocked cabinet included shampoo, body wash, and other assorted toiletries. Inside of the cabinet an unlocked padlock was observed to have been sitting in a soap like liquid substance and was showing some signs of corrosion. An observation of the wall mounted sharps container (a plastic container utilized to dispose of sharp objects in a health care setting, such as needles, lancets, disposable razors) revealed it to have contents within it above the designated fill line and was so full there were 6-8 handles of used disposable razors sticking out of the top of the

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1. All chemicals in shower room on the 200 hall have been removed. The overflowing sharps container has been disposed and replaced with an empty container. 100 Hall shower room has been inspected and all chemicals were removed and Sharps container were disposed and replaced.

2. The Staff Development coordinator In-serviced the nursing staff and the housekeeping staff on removal of chemicals, toiletries, proper disposal of sharp containers, and maintaining a clean bathroom.

3. This will be monitored by the Unit managers and Housekeeping Director. Monitoring each shift, 5 times a week for 4 weeks, 3 times a week for 4 weeks, and weekly for 4 weeks.

4. This will be reviewed in the Quality Assurance Performance Improvement meeting by the Administrator and the (IDT) monthly for 3 months to maintain compliance.
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During a phone interview conducted on 8/26/20 at 4:34 PM with Nursing Assistant (NA) #1 she stated she had assisted residents with showers in the 200 hall shower room. The NA explained she had seen the cabinet in the shower room locked, but she did not know who had a key. She said she did not have a key to remove the sharps container from the wall bracket. She said if she were to see the sharps container was becoming full, she would notify one of the nurses from the 200 hall.

An observation was conducted in conjunction with an interview with the administrator on 8/25/20 which started at 6:11 PM of the unlocked shower room on the 200 hall side of the building. The administrator stated the shower room was cleaned by both housekeeping and nursing. The observation revealed an unlocked wall cabinet with a loose door which hung ajar. Further observation revealed the contents inside of the unlocked cabinet included shampoo, body wash, and other assorted toiletries. Inside of the cabinet an unlocked padlock was observed to have been sitting in a soap like liquid substance and was showing some signs of corrosion. The administrator stated the soaps, shampoos, and other toiletries in the cabinet should be locked or secured. An observation of the wall mounted sharps container revealed it to have contents within it above the designated fill line and was so full there were 6-8 handles of used disposable razors sticking out of the top of the sharps container. The administrator stated the sharps container was full and should have been removed from the bracket on the wall, disposed of, and replaced with an empty sharps container. The
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Administrator stated there were no wondering residents in the area of the 200 hall shower and it was an area where staff members frequently passed. He further stated if a resident were to have wondered in that area, it was also visible from the nurses’ station and the resident would have been redirected.

F 925 Maintains Effective Pest Control Program

CFR(s): 483.90(i)(4)

§483.90(i)(4) Maintain an effective pest control program so that the facility is free of pests and rodents.

This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by:

- Based on record review, observations, and staff interviews, the facility failed to maintain an effective pest control program for one of one shower room (200 side shower room), and five of five resident rooms 203, 205, 206, 207 and 220 reviewed for insect presence.

Findings included:

- Pest control Customer Service Reports from the pest control service were reviewed for the following dates of: 2/28/20, 3/30/20, 5/14/20, 5/20/20, 6/5/20, 6/11/20, 7/27/20, 8/10/20, and 8/25/20. The following recommendations were documented on the reports from: 2/28/20, 3/30/20, 5/14/20, 5/20/20, 6/5/20, 6/11/20, 7/27/20, 8/10/20, and 8/25/20: The floor tiles or baseboards were found to be loose or missing in the interior and resident rooms. The documented action needed was to please repair to eliminate potential pest harborage/breeding sites. Also, the reports dated 2/28/20, 3/30/20, 5/14/20, and 5/20/20 detailed the rear exit door was found to

- Ecolab process with the Administrator the Staff Development Coordinator In-serviced housekeeping staff, Maintenance Director and Dietary staff of appropriate cleaning and identifying areas that may harbor insects, and monitoring of entrance ways to prevent entrance of insects.

1. 200 hall shower room; Room(s) 203, 205, 206, 207, and 220 were treated for insects. Bedside tables were cleaned and resident snacks are being placed into storage containers. All other rooms were inspected for insects and 100 hall shower room. All areas that are identified have been treated for insects. Cove base and tiles are being audited to see if they are in need of replacement or repair. Loose or missing tile will be replaced or repaired.

3. Monitoring will be completed by Housekeeping Director and Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) to identify...
be open and it would be an entry point to allow rodents and flies into the facility. The recommendation was to remind employees to keep the door closed, to install a screen door, or an automatic door closer. Further review of the 2/28/20, 5/14/20, 5/20/20, 6/5/20, 6/11/20, 8/10/20, and 8/25/20 reports revealed documentation of a finding the building was aged and there were many structural issues, including under every sink in the resident rooms needed to be sealed better and there were baseboards peeling off of the wall in a lot of areas around the building. The report had a finding of roaches noted in room 220 during service visits on 5/14/20 and 5/20/20 and in the kitchen during service provided on 7/27/20.

An interview was conducted with Housekeeper #1 on 8/25/20 at 9:08 AM. During the interview she stated she had been working at the facility for about a month. She stated there were some resident rooms where she had observed what she had believed to have been roaches. She said she would see the insects in resident rooms about once a week. She said she had seen an exterminator come to the facility and spray since she had started. The housekeeper further stated when she had seen an insect, she would squash it, kill it, and then tell her supervisor.

During an observation of medication administration by Nurse #1 in room 220 at 10:00 AM on 8/25/20, a reddish brown colored roach was observed crawling up the privacy curtain. During an interview Nurse #1 stated the insect on the privacy curtain was a roach. The nurse was observed to take a paper towel and killed the insect. The nurse further stated she saw roaches everywhere, even when the facility had been areas that may have insects. Monitoring 5 times a week for 4 weeks; 3 times a week for 4 weeks; once a week for 4 weeks. 4. This will be reviewed in the Quality Assurance Performance Improvement meeting by the Administrator and the (IDT) monthly for 3 months to maintain compliance.
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- **Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number:** 345520

#### A. Building

**Multiple Construction**

- **B. Wing:**

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  In the cabinet under the vanity sink. When the vanity was knocked on, another roach was observed to be crawling out of the left side between the vanity and the floor. An observation of the bathroom revealed when the plastic bag wrapped toilet plunger was moved a nymph roach was crawling on the floor.

  During an interview with Housekeeper #2 on 8/25/20 at 11:38 AM she stated she saw roaches in resident rooms every day and she had seen large and small roaches. She stated she had been working at the facility for about a month. She said she had seen roaches in room 220 and 205. The housekeeper explained when she saw them, she killed them, then would tell her supervisor, and then the exterminator would be called. She said she had seen the exterminator at the facility three times since she had started. The housekeeper then did an observation of room 205 and she said there were live roaches in the room, and she stepped on the one she saw crawling on the floor. She said the room was vacant at the time and it had to be cleaned. She said the residents who had been in that room had been moved to the room next door. She believed the residents had just been moved in the past day or two and the room had to be detailed.

  An interview with the Maintenance Director (MD) was conducted in conjunction with an observation of room 205 on 8/25/20 at 12:08 PM. The MD stated he had started at the facility about a week ago and he had not seen roaches at the facility. During the observation of room 205 at least 4 roaches were observed on the top of installation bracket on the right side of the mini blinds mounted to the window casing for the window on the right side of the room. An observation of the
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During an interview conducted on 8/25/20 at 12:19 PM with the administrator he stated the exterminator was coming into the facility on a regular basis to spray the rooms and they also had some rooms fumigated for roaches. The administrator stated in addition to spraying for insects or roaches in the facility, they were also trying to keep residents from hoarding food, which also had been attracting pests. The administrator further explained they had also had occurrences when residents had been admitted and some of their belongings were discovered to have had roaches in them. He said they have had times when they had fumigated two rooms which were next to each other because they found if they fumigated one room, the roaches often would be found in the adjacent room after fumigation. The administrator participated in an observation of room 205 and 4-5 nymph roaches
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cove base. The exterminator said he had been working with the facility regarding pest control in several rooms and he believed rooms 205, 206, and 207 needed to be fumigated.

An interview was conducted with the contracted exterminator on 8/25/20 at 4:42 PM. He stated construction concerns which he listed on his Customer Service Reports, such as repairing baseboards and loose floor tiles, had not been addressed through his observations during repeat visits. He stated he had made several visits to the facility in the current year and was their assigned exterminator. The exterminator explained the facility had German roaches. He stated roaches and other insects liked to get in around loose baseboard at the bottom of the wall. He stated unless the baseboard was sealed to the wall or the floor, even the smallest and thinnest opening, created an area where roaches and other insects could live and breed. He also stated the open areas created an opening where food and other edible debris could get into the openings and were not easily cleanable. The exterminator further stated the broken floor tiles also created an area where roaches liked to live and breed. He said the roaches would get under the loose or broken tiles and eat the glue which was holding the tiles down and food, debris, and moisture would get trapped under the loose tiles making a preferable habitat for roaches. The exterminator explained he was currently working with the facility to fumigate rooms which were discovered to have been problem areas, but unless the facility started to address the structural issues, it made it very difficult to fully manage the pest control.

During an observation of the 200 Hall shower
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Room conducted on 8/25/20 at 5:43 PM a roach was discovered crawling on the floor when the linen hamper was moved. Two spiders and their webs were observed near the floor under the cabinet. An earwig was observed crawling on the floor when a barrel type of bin was moved.

An observation of room 205 was conducted in conjunction with an interview with the administrator at 6:11 PM on 8/25/20. The administrator stated the current MD had only been at the facility for a week and he was working and would continue to work on the identified construction concerns which yielded areas for insect harborage. Multiple roaches were observed throughout the room during the observation. The administrator further stated he would continue to work with the exterminator to address rooms 205, 206, and 207 with fumigation and other rooms as needed.