

Division of Health Service Regulation

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  <b>MHL070-062</b>	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____  B. WING _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  <b>06/29/2018</b>
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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  <b>BETTER CONNECTIONS-ELIZABETH CITY</b>	STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE <b>1331 FOUR FORKS ROAD ELIZABETH CITY, NC 27909</b>
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V 000	<p><b>INITIAL COMMENTS</b></p> <p>An annual survey was completed on June 29, 2018. Deficiencies were cited.</p> <p>This facility is licensed for the following service category: 10A NCAC 27G .5000C Supervised Living for Adults with Developmental Disabilities</p>	V 000		
V 118	<p><b>27G .0209 (C) Medication Requirements</b></p> <p><b>10A NCAC 27G .0209 MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p>(c) Medication administration:</p> <p>(1) Prescription or non-prescription drugs shall only be administered to a client on the written order of a person authorized by law to prescribe drugs.</p> <p>(2) Medications shall be self-administered by clients only when authorized in writing by the client's physician.</p> <p>(3) Medications, including injections, shall be administered only by licensed persons, or by unlicensed persons trained by a registered nurse, pharmacist or other legally qualified person and privileged to prepare and administer medications.</p> <p>(4) A Medication Administration Record (MAR) of all drugs administered to each client must be kept current. Medications administered shall be recorded immediately after administration. The MAR is to include the following:</p> <p>(A) client's name;</p> <p>(B) name, strength, and quantity of the drug;</p> <p>(C) instructions for administering the drug;</p> <p>(D) date and time the drug is administered; and</p> <p>(E) name or initials of person administering the drug.</p> <p>(5) Client requests for medication changes or checks shall be recorded and kept with the MAR file followed up by appointment or consultation with a physician.</p>	V 118		

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LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ (X6) DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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V 118	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview the facility failed to administer medication on the written order of a physician for one of three clients (#1) and failed to keep one of three clients (#2) MAR current. The findings are:</p> <p>A. Review on 6/28/18 of client #1's record revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- admitted on 5/11/16</li> <li>- Moderate Intellectual Development Disability; Diabetes; Seizure Disorder; Cerebral Palsy and Congestive Heart Failure</li> <li>- 8/3/17 physician order "give 40mg Lasix if &gt;3 pound weight give (can treat fluid retention and swelling caused by congestive heart failure...)</li> </ul> <p>Review on 6/28/18 of client #1's daily weights revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- on 6/19/18 she weighed 211.4</li> <li>- on 6/20/18 she weighed 214.9</li> </ul> <p>Review on 6/28/18 of the June 2018 MAR revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- no documentation of a 40mg Lasix being administered</li> </ul> <p>During interview on 6/28/18 the Residential Manager reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- staff are supposed to monitor if client #1 had a weight gain of more than 3 pounds</li> <li>- they are supposed to contact the facility nurse prior to administering the 40mg Lasix</li> </ul> <p>During interview on 6/29/18 the facility's nurse</p>	V 118		

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V 118	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- he was not contacted for a 3 pound or more weight gain of client #1</li> <li>- he only requested staff to call if they notice swelling, shortness of breath...for client #1</li> <li>- there was a protocol sheet at the facility that staff are supposed to follow for administering the Lasix</li> </ul> <p>B. Record review on 6/28/18 of client #2's record revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- admitted to the facility on 8/1/17</li> <li>- diagnoses of Severe Intellectual Development Disability and Impulse Control Conduct Disorder</li> <li>- a physician order dated 4/24/18 for the following medications: Fish oil 1,000mg twice a day (nutrients that are important in preventing and managing heart disease; Tramadol 50mg twice a day (used to treat moderate to severe pain); Cardizem 24mg bedtime (used to treat hypertension...)</li> </ul> <p>Review on 6/28/18 of client #2's June MAR revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- on 6/11/18 the Fish oil, Tramadol and Cardizem medications had not been signed for the bedtime dose</li> </ul> <p>During interview on 6/28/18 the Residential Director reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- she tried to look over the MARs every three days</li> <li>- she should have caught the blank spaces on 6/11/18</li> <li>- the facility nurse reviewed the MARs twice a month</li> <li>- he has not been to the facility since May 2018</li> </ul>	V 118		