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V 000	<p>INITIAL COMMENTS</p> <p>An annual survey was completed on 6/13/2019. Deficiencies were cited.</p> <p>This facility is licensed for the following service category: 10A NCAC 27G .5600C Supervised Living for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.</p>	V 000		
V 114	<p>27G .0207 Emergency Plans and Supplies</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0207 EMERGENCY PLANS AND SUPPLIES</p> <p>(a) A written fire plan for each facility and area-wide disaster plan shall be developed and shall be approved by the appropriate local authority.</p> <p>(b) The plan shall be made available to all staff and evacuation procedures and routes shall be posted in the facility.</p> <p>(c) Fire and disaster drills in a 24-hour facility shall be held at least quarterly and shall be repeated for each shift. Drills shall be conducted under conditions that simulate fire emergencies.</p> <p>(d) Each facility shall have basic first aid supplies accessible for use.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to conduct fire and disaster drills on each shift at least quarterly. The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 6/12/19 of the facility's fire and disaster drill for the period of 7/7/2018 - 6/3/2019 revealed: - Drills were a combination of "Fire/Severe Weather Drills". - July - September 2018: no fire and disaster</p>	V 114		

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V 114	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>drills on 3rd shift.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - October - December 2018: no fire and disaster drills on 1st or 3rd shift - January - March 2019: no fire and disaster drills on 3rd shift. - April - June 2019: no fire and disaster drills on 2nd shift. <p>Interview on 6/12/2019 with client #1 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fire drills had been conducted at the facility, but he could not recall whether other emergency drills had been conducted. <p>Interview on 6/12/2019 with client #2 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Client #2's speech was very difficult to understand, he made occasional one-word, repetitive statements, and could not answer questions about fire or emergency drills. <p>Interview on 6/12/2019 at 4:30pm with client #3 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Client #3 was minimally responsive during the interview and avoided eye contact by looking down and away during the interview. -Client #3 reported that fire drills were conducted during the day and night. -Client #3 did not know of any other kind of drills. <p>Interview on 6/13/2019 with staff #1 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff #1 had not yet participated in any fire or emergency drills since his hire date of 5/9/2019; - Staff #1 did know where the emergency exits were in the facility. <p>Interview on 6/13/2019 with the Qualified Professional (QP) on 6/13/2019 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fire and disaster/emergency drills were completed together at different times at least once monthly; - Oversight of the fire and emergency drill 	V 114		

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V 114	Continued From page 2 schedule had been handled by the Owner/Director (O/D). Interview on 6/13/2019 with the O/O revealed: - Fire and disaster drills were conducted regularly at the facility.	V 114		
V 117	27G .0209 (B) Medication Requirements 10A NCAC 27G .0209 MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS (b) Medication packaging and labeling: (1) Non-prescription drug containers not dispensed by a pharmacist shall retain the manufacturer's label with expiration dates clearly visible; (2) Prescription medications, whether purchased or obtained as samples, shall be dispensed in tamper-resistant packaging that will minimize the risk of accidental ingestion by children. Such packaging includes plastic or glass bottles/vials with tamper-resistant caps, or in the case of unit-of-use packaged drugs, a zip-lock plastic bag may be adequate; (3) The packaging label of each prescription drug dispensed must include the following: (A) the client's name; (B) the prescriber's name; (C) the current dispensing date; (D) clear directions for self-administration; (E) the name, strength, quantity, and expiration date of the prescribed drug; and (F) the name, address, and phone number of the pharmacy or dispensing location (e.g., mh/dd/sa center), and the name of the dispensing practitioner.	V 117		

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V 117	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, record review, and interviews the facility failed to ensure medications were not expired for 1 of 3 clients (#3). The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 6/13/2019 of Client #3's record revealed: -Admission date: 6/4/2018 -Diagnosis: Autism Disorder with accompanying intellectual impairment, moderate; Schizophrenia unspecified, Conduct Disorder, Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD); Allergic Rhinitis -Physician order dated 3/1/19 for Melatonin 5mg 1 tablet at bedtime. -Physician order dated 3/19/19 for Multivitamin Gummy 1 gummy daily. -Physician order dated 3/19/19 for Risperidone 3mg tablet daily as needed for outbursts, anger, and agitation.</p> <p>Observation at approximately 10:30AM on 6/13/2019 of Client #3's medications revealed: -1 bottle of Melatonin 5 mg tablets with an expiration date of 7/2018. -2 bottles of Multivitamin Gummies. 1 bottle had and expiration date of 11/2018. -1 bottle of Risperidone 3mg with an expiration date of 5/8/2019.</p> <p>Interview on 6/13/2019 with staff #1 revealed: - Staff #1 did not give out medications, and therefore could not provide information about expired medications.</p>	V 117		

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V 117	Continued From page 4 Interview n 6/13/2019 with the Qualified Professional (QP) revealed: - The Owner/Director (O/D) was in charge of medication oversight. Interview on 6/13/2019 with the O/D revealed: - Client #3's expired multivitamin gummies had been purchased over-the-counter; - Some of client #3's expired medications may have been provided by client #3's parents; - The O/D would make sure that client #3's expired PRN Risperidone was replaced.	V 117		
V 118	27G .0209 (C) Medication Requirements 10A NCAC 27G .0209 MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS (c) Medication administration: (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. (2) Medications shall be self-administered by clients only when authorized in writing by the client's physician. (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. (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: (A) client's name; (B) name, strength, and quantity of the drug; (C) instructions for administering the drug; (D) date and time the drug is administered; and	V 118		

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V 118	<p>Continued From page 5</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> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to ensure medications were administered as ordered and the MAR was kept current affecting 2 of 3 clients (#1 & #3). The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 6/13/2019 of client #1's record revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Admission date: 2/17/2017 - Diagnoses: Traumatic Brain Injury; Dementia: High Blood Pressure; Hyperlipidemia; Onchomycosis, toenails (fungal infection); and Cerumen (earwax) impaction; - Physicians orders for the following medications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calcium citrate (vitamin D3) 1,000 milligrams (mg), one tablet ever day (QD), dated 4/3/2018, with an order to increase the dose to 2,000 mg QD dated 5/29/2019; - Hydroxyzine (Vistaril) 25 mg, 1 tablet three times a day (TID) as needed (PRN), dated 11/6/2018. <p>Review on 6/13/2019 of client #1's MARs dated 3/1/2019 to 6/13/2019 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No documentation of the dosage increase for calcium citrate following the order change written on 5/29/2019; - Hydroxyzine administration instructions on the 	V 118		

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V 118	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>March, May and June MARs noted that one tablet could be administered PRN, but did not indicate the frequency (TID) the medication could be administered;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hydroxyzine was not listed on the April MAR; and - The spelling of hydroxyzine was truncated to "hydroxyz" on the May and June MARs. <p>Review on 6/13/2019 of Client #3's record revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Admission date: 6/4/2018 -Diagnosis: Autism Disorder with accompanying intellectual impairment, moderate; Schizophrenia -Physician orders dated 3/19/2019 for the following medications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Fluoxetine 20mg 1 capsule daily. -Montelukast 10mg t tablet daily. - Omeprazole 40mg 1 capsule daily. -Latuda 120mg 1 tablet with food every evening. -Inositol 500mg 1 tablet at bedtime. -Olanzapine 20mg 1 tablet at bedtime. -Risperidone 3mg 1 tablet daily as needed for outbursts, anger, and agitation. -Multivitamin Gummy 1 gummy daily. - Melatonin 5mg 1 tablet at bedtime. -No physician orders preceding 3/18/19 were found. <p>Review on 6/13/19 of Client #3's MAR revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The following medications were administered 3/1/19-3/18/19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Fluoxetine 20mg 1 capsule daily. -Montelukast 10mg t tablet daily. - Omeprazole 40mg 1 capsule daily. -Latuda 120mg 1 tablet with food every evening. -Inositol 500mg 1 tablet at bedtime. -Olanzapine 20mg 1 tablet at bedtime. -Multivitamin Gummy 1 gummy daily. -Melatonin 5mg 1 tablet at bedtime. 	V 118		

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V 118	<p>Continued From page 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Risperidone was administered 3/18/19. -Inositol 500mg was not listed on the June MAR. <p>Interview on 6/12/2019 with client #1 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He did not know the names of his medications or what they were for. <p>Interview on 6/12/2019 at 4:30pm with client #3 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Client #3 was minimally responsive during the interview and avoided eye contact by looking down and away during the interview. -He did not respond to questions about his medications. <p>Interview on 6/13/2019 with the Qualified Professional (QP) revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Owner/Director (O/D) was responsible for oversight of the medications. <p>Interview on 6/13/2019 with the O/D revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The O/D was responsible for picking up medications and MARs from the pharmacy; - The O/D had not realized that client #1's doctor had written the order for the increased dose of calcium citrate when the O/D had taken client #1 to his appointment on 5/29/2019; - Client #1's doctor had not mentioned that the calcium citrate order was changed; - One of the facility staff probably wrote out the incomplete medication name and administration instructions for client #1's hydroxyzine; - The O/D had tried to obtain client #3's discontinuation orders for Inositol, but had not received them yet; - Client #3 had begun seeing a different doctor, who did not see the need for client #3 to continue taking the Inositol; - The facility did not have a discontinuation order 	V 118		

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V 118	Continued From page 8 for client #3's Biotin.	V 118		
V 120	<p>27G .0209 (E) Medication Requirements</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0209 MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS (e) Medication Storage: (1) All medication shall be stored: (A) in a securely locked cabinet in a clean, well-lighted, ventilated room between 59 degrees and 86 degrees Fahrenheit; (B) in a refrigerator, if required, between 36 degrees and 46 degrees Fahrenheit. If the refrigerator is used for food items, medications shall be kept in a separate, locked compartment or container; (C) separately for each client; (D) separately for external and internal use; (E) in a secure manner if approved by a physician for a client to self-medicate. (2) Each facility that maintains stocks of controlled substances shall be currently registered under the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act, G.S. 90, Article 5, including any subsequent amendments.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and observation, the facility failed to store internal and external medications separately affecting 1 of 3 clients (#2) the findings are:</p> <p>Review on 6/13/2019 of client #2's record revealed: - Admission date: 4/19/2016 - Diagnoses: Autism Spectrum Disorder; Moderate Intellectual Disabilities; and</p>	V 120		

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V 120	<p>Continued From page 9</p> <p>Hypercholesterolemia; - A physician order for clotrimazole/betamet 1-0.005% topical cream, apply to affected area twice daily as needed (PRN), dated 3/7/2019; - Client #2 also had current medication orders for Abilify (aripiprazole) 15 milligrams (mg), one tablet every day (QD), and Prozac (fluoxetine) 20 mg, one tablet QD.</p> <p>Observation at approximately 10:25 AM on 6/13/2019 revealed: - Client #2's clotrimazole cream was stored with client #1's internal medications in a plastic box.</p> <p>Interview on Interview on 6/13/2019 with staff #1 revealed: - Staff #1 did not give out medications, and therefore could not provide information about medication storage.</p> <p>Interview n 6/13/2019 with the Qualified Professional (QP) revealed: - The Owner/Director (O/D) was in charge of medication oversight.</p> <p>Interview on 6/13/2019 with the O/D revealed: - The storage of client #2's internal and external medications together had been an oversight by the O/D and would be corrected immediately.</p>	V 120		