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| V 000 | <p>INITIAL COMMENTS</p> <p>A complaint survey was completed on 12/10/21. The complaint was unsubstantiated (intake #NC00183322). Deficiencies were cited.</p> <p>This facility is licensed for the following service category: 10A NCAC 27G .5600C Supervised Living for Adults with Developmental Disability.</p> <p>The survey sample consisted of audits of 1 current client.</p> | V 000 | | |
| V 106 | <p>27G .0201 (A) (8-18) (B) GOVERNING BODY POLICIES</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0201 GOVERNING BODY POLICIES</p> <p>(a) The governing body responsible for each facility or service shall develop and implement written policies for the following:</p> <p>(8) use of medications by clients in accordance with the rules in this Section;</p> <p>(9) reporting of any incident, unusual occurrence or medication error;</p> <p>(10) voluntary non-compensated work performed by a client;</p> <p>(11) client fee assessment and collection practices;</p> <p>(12) medical preparedness plan to be utilized in a medical emergency;</p> <p>(13) authorization for and follow up of lab tests;</p> <p>(14) transportation, including the accessibility of emergency information for a client;</p> <p>(15) services of volunteers, including supervision and requirements for maintaining client confidentiality;</p> <p>(16) areas in which staff, including nonprofessional staff, receive training and continuing education;</p> <p>(17) safety precautions and requirements for</p> | V 106 | | |

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| V 106 | <p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>facility areas including special client activity areas; and</p> <p>(18) client grievance policy, including procedures for review and disposition of client grievances.</p> <p>(b) Minutes of the governing body shall be permanently maintained.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to implement their written policy regarding incident reporting of any incident or unusual occurrence. The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 12/2/21 of client #1's record revealed: -An admission date of 12/2/20; -Diagnoses included moderate Intellectual Developmental Disability with Down Syndrome, Alzheimer Disease with Behavioral Disturbance and a history of Epilepsy; -She was declared incompetent and a legal guardian appointed on 3/17/83.</p> <p>Interview on 12/2/21 with client #1's legal guardian revealed: -It was discovered by staff #1 on 11/8/21 that the client had fallen sometime during the previous night; -She was not informed of client #1's fall until she called the facility on the evening of 11/9/21 and was then informed by staff #1; -She was informed of incidents in the past by the Qualified Professional (QP) or the Registered Nurse (RN) employed by the facility.</p> <p>Review on 12/8/21 of the facility's policies 102.04</p> | V 106 | | |

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| V 106 | <p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>Informing Legal Representatives of Unusual Occurrences and 102.041 Notification of case responsible person revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -This policy is developed to provide information to legal representatives as soon as possible, regarding significant events that occur concerning an individual, or any experience at the residence and/or any RHA service site that is out of the normal daily routine of the person's program or daily life; -Legal representatives will be promptly informed of unusual occurrences that are unanticipated and have a direct significant effect on a person receiving services or, if anticipated, represent a significant, sudden change in the person's normal status; -When something unusual and significant happens to an individual, the appropriate staff (e.g. nurse, doctor, Direct Support Associate) will immediately contact the case responsible person, or the Administrator/Director if the case responsible person cannot be reached; -The case responsible person, with that staff, will determine the method and strategy for legal representative notification." <p>Interview on 12/6/21 with staff #1 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -She had been working the night of 11/7/21 and the morning of 11/8/21; -On the morning of 11/8/21, she observed client #1 sitting on her bed; -"Her (client #1) knee was red...it look like a scratch or something on her ankle and her forehead had a scratch;" -"The QP was out so I couldn't speak with her;" -She was not sure if it was the responsibility of the QP or the RN to inform legal guardians of incidents; -She had informed client #1's legal guardian of the fall when she called the facility on the evening | V 106 | | |

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| V 106 | <p>Continued From page 3 of 11/9/21.</p> <p>Interview on 12/2/21 with the QP revealed: -As the QP, she was the case responsible person that was referred to in the facility policies; -She had been out of work on 11/8/21 when client #1 fell; -"With me being out, another Q (QP) was filling in...he's brand new to the Q (QP position)...he may not been thinking to call (the legal guardian)...the ball did get dropped right there."</p> <p>Interview on 12/2/21 with the back up QP revealed he had not been notified that client #1 had fallen on 11/8/21.</p> <p>Interview on 12/2/21 with the RN employed by the facility revealed: -The legal guardian should have been notified of client #1's fall on 11/8/21; -"Yes, the QP should have done that...the QP has been out though."</p> <p>Interviews on 12/2/21 and 12/10/21 with the Regional Administrator revealed: -The legal guardian of client #1 should have been informed on 11/8/21 of her fall; -She was not aware that client #1's legal guardian had not been informed of the fall.</p> | V 106 | | |
| V 118 | <p>27G .0209 (C) Medication Requirements</p> <p>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.</p> | V 118 | | |

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| V 118 | <p>Continued From page 4</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> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: .Based on record review and interviews the facility failed to ensure medications were administered as ordered by a physician affecting 1 of 1 audited client (#1). The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 12/2/21 of client #1's record revealed: -An admission date of 12/2/20; -Diagnoses included moderate Intellectual Developmental Disability with Down Syndrome,</p> | V 118 | | |

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| V 118 | <p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>Alzheimer Disease with Behavioral Disturbance and a history of Epilepsy; -She was declared incompetent and a legal guardian appointed on 3/17/83; -An order dated 10/18/21 for Lamotrigine (used for seizures) 50 milligrams (mg) twice daily; -An order dated 11/23/21 for Lamotrigine 75 mg twice daily.</p> <p>Interview on 12/2/21 with client #1's legal guardian revealed: -She transported the client to doctor on 11/23/21; -The doctor wrote an order increasing Lamotrigine from 50mg twice daily to 75 mg twice daily; -She provided staff #2 the order on 11/23/21 when she transported the client back to the facility; -She had been informed yesterday (12/1/21) by staff #1 that the client had not yet been administered the increased dosage of Lamotrigine; -She didn't understand why it took 9 days for the client to be administered the correct amount of medication; -"This is serious to me...it's ridiculous."</p> <p>Interview on 12/2/21 with the Registered Nurse (RN) employed by the facility revealed: -An order was written on 11/23/21 to increase client #1's Lamotrigine from 50mg twice daily to 75mg twice daily; -The new dose of Lamotrigine had arrived yesterday (12/1/21) at the office; -She was going to update client #1's MAR today to reflect the new dosage of Lamotrigine and the client was going to be administered the increased dosage today.</p> <p>Interviews on 12/2/21 and 12/10/21 with the</p> | V 118 | | |

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| V 118 | Continued From page 6 Regional Administrator revealed: -She discussed with the RN on 12/2/21 why it took so long for the increased dosage of Lamotrigine to be administered; -She thought that the holiday was the primary cause for the delay; -She was informed by the RN that the order was provided to facility staff on 11/23/21; -"With the holiday, it didn't get to her (the RN) until Friday (11/26/21) morning...she (the RN) faxed it (the order) the same day...there's some issues with shipping so it didn't arrive until Tuesday (11/30/21) afternoon...I'm not sure why they (facility staff) didn't pick it up yesterday (12/1/21)." | V 118 | | |