

Division of Health Service Regulation

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V 000	<p>INITIAL COMMENTS</p> <p>An annual and follow up survey was completed on February 29, 2024. 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>This facility is licensed for 6 and currently has a census of 4. The survey sample consisted of audits of 3 current clients.</p>	V 000		
V 291	<p>27G .5603 Supervised Living - Operations</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .5603 OPERATIONS</p> <p>(a) Capacity. A facility shall serve no more than six clients when the clients have mental illness or developmental disabilities. Any facility licensed on June 15, 2001, and providing services to more than six clients at that time, may continue to provide services at no more than the facility's licensed capacity.</p> <p>(b) Service Coordination. Coordination shall be maintained between the facility operator and the qualified professionals who are responsible for treatment/habilitation or case management.</p> <p>(c) Participation of the Family or Legally Responsible Person. Each client shall be provided the opportunity to maintain an ongoing relationship with her or his family through such means as visits to the facility and visits outside the facility. Reports shall be submitted at least annually to the parent of a minor resident, or the legally responsible person of an adult resident. Reports may be in writing or take the form of a conference and shall focus on the client's progress toward meeting individual goals.</p> <p>(d) Program Activities. Each client shall have activity opportunities based on her/his choices, needs and the treatment/habilitation plan.</p>	V 291		

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V 291	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>Activities shall be designed to foster community inclusion. Choices may be limited when the court or legal system is involved or when health or safety issues become a primary concern.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, record review and interview the facility's operator failed to maintain coordination with other qualified professionals who are responsible for treatment/habilitation for 2 of 3 audited clients (#2 & #3). The findings are:</p> <p>A. Review on 2/29/24 of client #2's record revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - admitted 9/2/15 - diagnoses: Major Depression, Mild Intellectual Developmental Disorder, Borderline Personality, Diabetes, Vitamin D & Hypertension - a physician's order dated 3/7/23: check blood sugar twice a day <p>Review on 2/29/24 of the facility's blood sugar (BS) chart for client #2 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - December 2023 BS: - No documentation of BS in the morning (am) or evening (pm) from 12/24/23 - 12/31/23 - January 2024 BS: - No documentation of BS in the am or pm for 1/27/24 - February 2024: - No documentation of BS in the am or pm from 2/18/24 - 2/20/24 <p>During interview on 2/29/24 the Qualified Professional (QP) reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - during his client chart reviews, he overlooked the missing BS documentation 	V 291		

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V 291	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he spoke with staff and was informed sometimes the battery did not work in the glucometer which lost BS data <p>B. Review on 2/29/24 of client #3's record revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - admitted 4/26/16 - diagnoses: Down Syndrome, Asthma & history Congenital Heart Defect <p>Observation on 2/28/24 of client #3's bedroom at 2:49pm revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine on a nightstand near the bed - a water jug half empty on the floor near the nightstand <p>During interviewing on 2/28/24 client #3 reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - she used the CPAP nightly <p>During interview on 2/29/24 the House Manager (HM) reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - client #3 used the CPAP machine nightly - she (HM) put water in the CPAP machine every other night <p>During interview on 2/29/24 the QP reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he was not aware client #3 used a CPAP machine - there was not a physician's order for the CPAP machine <p>During interview on 2/29/24 the Licensee reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - client #3 was admitted with the CPAP machine - will follow up with her primary care physician regarding the CPAP machine 	V 291		

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V 367	<p>27G .0604 Incident Reporting Requirements</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0604 INCIDENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CATEGORY A AND B PROVIDERS</p> <p>(a) Category A and B providers shall report all level II incidents, except deaths, that occur during the provision of billable services or while the consumer is on the providers premises or level III incidents and level II deaths involving the clients to whom the provider rendered any service within 90 days prior to the incident to the LME responsible for the catchment area where services are provided within 72 hours of becoming aware of the incident. The report shall be submitted on a form provided by the Secretary. The report may be submitted via mail, in person, facsimile or encrypted electronic means. The report shall include the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) reporting provider contact and identification information; (2) client identification information; (3) type of incident; (4) description of incident; (5) status of the effort to determine the cause of the incident; and (6) other individuals or authorities notified or responding. <p>(b) Category A and B providers shall explain any missing or incomplete information. The provider shall submit an updated report to all required report recipients by the end of the next business day whenever:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the provider has reason to believe that information provided in the report may be erroneous, misleading or otherwise unreliable; or (2) the provider obtains information required on the incident form that was previously 	V 367		

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V 367	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>unavailable.</p> <p>(c) Category A and B providers shall submit, upon request by the LME, other information obtained regarding the incident, including:</p> <p>(1) hospital records including confidential information;</p> <p>(2) reports by other authorities; and</p> <p>(3) the provider's response to the incident.</p> <p>(d) Category A and B providers shall send a copy of all level III incident reports to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services within 72 hours of becoming aware of the incident. Category A providers shall send a copy of all level III incidents involving a client death to the Division of Health Service Regulation within 72 hours of becoming aware of the incident. In cases of client death within seven days of use of seclusion or restraint, the provider shall report the death immediately, as required by 10A NCAC 26C .0300 and 10A NCAC 27E .0104(e)(18).</p> <p>(e) Category A and B providers shall send a report quarterly to the LME responsible for the catchment area where services are provided. The report shall be submitted on a form provided by the Secretary via electronic means and shall include summary information as follows:</p> <p>(1) medication errors that do not meet the definition of a level II or level III incident;</p> <p>(2) restrictive interventions that do not meet the definition of a level II or level III incident;</p> <p>(3) searches of a client or his living area;</p> <p>(4) seizures of client property or property in the possession of a client;</p> <p>(5) the total number of level II and level III incidents that occurred; and</p> <p>(6) a statement indicating that there have been no reportable incidents whenever no incidents have occurred during the quarter that</p>	V 367		

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V 367	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>meet any of the criteria as set forth in Paragraphs (a) and (d) of this Rule and Subparagraphs (1) through (4) of this Paragraph.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview the facility failed to notify the LME/MCO (local management entity/managed care organization) within 72 hours of an incident. The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 2/28/24 of the IRIS (incident response improvement system) revealed no level II or level III incident reports</p> <p>Review on 2/29/24 of an internal investigation dated 1/26/24 by the facility revealed: - "...QPM (Qualified Professional Manager) reported that he arrived at [facility] and observed that the identified clients [client#1 - client #4] were alone in the home and safe after receiving concerns from the Administration....interviewed the house manager...and concluded that she was not present in the home...she had a personal emergency in the community and left but has plans to return to the home with the clients...staff was terminated and replaced with a trained and professional House Manager..."</p> <p>During interview on 2/29/24 the QPM reported: - he attempted to submit the incident in IRIS within 72 hours but the IRIS system was down - no other contact was made with the LME/MCO within 72 hours of the incident</p>	V 367		

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V 367	Continued From page 6 This deficiency constitutes a re-cited deficiency and must be corrected within 30 days.	V 367		