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V 000	INITIAL COMMENTS An annual and follow up survey was completed on April 4, 2025. Deficiencies were cited This facility is licensed for the following service category: 10A NCAC 27G .5600A Supervised Living for Adults with Mental Illness. This facility is licensed for 6 and currently has a census of 4. The survey sample consisted of audits of 3 current clients.	V 000		
V 105	27G .0201 (A) (1-7) Governing Body Policies 10A NCAC 27G .0201 GOVERNING BODY POLICIES (a) The governing body responsible for each facility or service shall develop and implement written policies for the following: (1) delegation of management authority for the operation of the facility and services; (2) criteria for admission; (3) criteria for discharge; (4) admission assessments, including: (A) who will perform the assessment; and (B) time frames for completing assessment. (5) client record management, including: (A) persons authorized to document; (B) transporting records; (C) safeguard of records against loss, tampering, defacement or use by unauthorized persons; (D) assurance of record accessibility to authorized users at all times; and (E) assurance of confidentiality of records. (6) screenings, which shall include: (A) an assessment of the individual's presenting problem or need; (B) an assessment of whether or not the facility can provide services to address the individual's needs; and	V 105		

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V 105	Continued From page 1 (C) the disposition, including referrals and recommendations; (7) quality assurance and quality improvement activities, including: (A) composition and activities of a quality assurance and quality improvement committee; (B) written quality assurance and quality improvement plan; (C) methods for monitoring and evaluating the quality and appropriateness of client care, including delineation of client outcomes and utilization of services; (D) professional or clinical supervision, including a requirement that staff who are not qualified professionals and provide direct client services shall be supervised by a qualified professional in that area of service; (E) strategies for improving client care; (F) review of staff qualifications and a determination made to grant treatment/habilitation privileges; (G) review of all fatalities of active clients who were being served in area-operated or contracted residential programs at the time of death; (H) adoption of standards that assure operational and programmatic performance meeting applicable standards of practice. For this purpose, "applicable standards of practice" means a level of competence established with reference to the prevailing and accepted methods, and the degree of knowledge, skill and care exercised by other practitioners in the field;	V 105		

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V 105	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to develop and implement adoption of standards that ensured operational and programmatic performance meeting applicable standards of practice for the use of a Glucometer instrument and Injectable pen including the CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments) waiver. The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 4/3/25 of the facility's records revealed: -There was no documentation or evidence of a CLIA waiver.</p> <p>Review on 4/3/25 of client #2's record revealed: -Admission date of 12/19/24. -Diagnoses of Schizophrenia; Type 1 Diabetes; Chronic Kidney Disease; Cigarette Nicotine Dependency; Orthostatic Hypotension; Hypomagnesemia.</p> <p>-Physician's orders dated 1/28/25: -Insulin Lispro pen (diabetes) - 100 units milliliter (ml) pen - Inject 9 units 3 times a daily with meals plus sliding scale. -Lantus Solostar - 100 unit ml pen - Inject 20 units at bedtime. -Accu-Chek guide test strip glucometer - Use to test blood sugar before meals and at bedtime.</p> <p>Review on 4/3/25 of client #1's Medication Administration Record for the months of February 2025 through April 3, 2025 revealed: -Client #1's injections were administered and recorded weekly.</p>	V 105		

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V 105	Continued From page 3 Interview on 4/3/25 with the Administrator revealed: -She was not sure if she had a waiver. -She was not aware that she had to have a waiver. -She did not know what the waiver was. -She confirmed the facility failed to have a CLIA waiver to complete blood sugar checks and injections.	V 105			
V 131	G.S. 131E-256 (D2) HCPR - Prior Employment Verification G.S. §131E-256 HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL REGISTRY (d2) Before hiring health care personnel into a health care facility or service, every employer at a health care facility shall access the Health Care Personnel Registry and shall note each incident of access in the appropriate business files. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure the Health Care Personnel Registry (HCPR) was accessed prior to employment affecting one of one of four audited staff. The findings are: Review on 4/4/25 of the personnel record for the Qualified Professional (QP) revealed: -Hire date of 8/1/25. -She was hired as the QP. -HCPR check conducted 10/30/24.	V 131			

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V 131	Continued From page 4 Review on 4/3/25 of client #1, #2, and #3's records revealed: -Treatment plans were implemented by the QP before the HCPR was accessed: Client #1 - 8/23/24. Client #2 - 12/19/24. Client #3 - 11/11/24. Interview on 4/4/25 with the Director revealed: -She knew that that QP started work "sometime in October 2024." -She was not sure of the date that the QP was hired. -HCPR was not accessed prior to hire. Interview on 4/4/25 with the QP revealed: -She started work as the QP at the facility on 8/1/24. -She was responsible for the client's treatment plans.	V 131		
V 133	G.S. 122C-80 Criminal History Record Check G.S. §122C-80 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT. (a) Definition. - As used in this section, the term "provider" applies to an area authority/county program and any provider of mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services that is licensable under Article 2 of this Chapter. (b) Requirement. - An offer of employment by a provider licensed under this Chapter to an applicant to fill a position that does not require the applicant to have an occupational license is conditioned on consent to a State and national criminal history record check of the applicant. If	V 133		

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V 133	Continued From page 5 the applicant has been a resident of this State for less than five years, then the offer of employment is conditioned on consent to a State and national criminal history record check of the applicant. The national criminal history record check shall include a check of the applicant's fingerprints. If the applicant has been a resident of this State for five years or more, then the offer is conditioned on consent to a State criminal history record check of the applicant. A provider shall not employ an applicant who refuses to consent to a criminal history record check required by this section. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, within five business days of making the conditional offer of employment, a provider shall submit a request to the Department of Justice under G.S. 114-19.10 to conduct a criminal history record check required by this section or shall submit a request to a private entity to conduct a State criminal history record check required by this section. Notwithstanding G.S. 114-19.10, the Department of Justice shall return the results of national criminal history record checks for employment positions not covered by Public Law 105-277 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Criminal Records Check Unit. Within five business days of receipt of the national criminal history of the person, the Department of Health and Human Services, Criminal Records Check Unit, shall notify the provider as to whether the information received may affect the employability of the applicant. In no case shall the results of the national criminal history record check be shared with the provider. Providers shall make available upon request verification that a criminal history check has been completed on any staff covered by this section. A county that has adopted an appropriate local ordinance and has access to	V 133		

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V 133	Continued From page 6 the Division of Criminal Information data bank may conduct on behalf of a provider a State criminal history record check required by this section without the provider having to submit a request to the Department of Justice. In such a case, the county shall commence with the State criminal history record check required by this section within five business days of the conditional offer of employment by the provider. All criminal history information received by the provider is confidential and may not be disclosed, except to the applicant as provided in subsection (c) of this section. For purposes of this subsection, the term "private entity" means a business regularly engaged in conducting criminal history record checks utilizing public records obtained from a State agency. (c) Action. - If an applicant's criminal history record check reveals one or more convictions of a relevant offense, the provider shall consider all of the following factors in determining whether to hire the applicant: (1) The level and seriousness of the crime. (2) The date of the crime. (3) The age of the person at the time of the conviction. (4) The circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, if known. (5) The nexus between the criminal conduct of the person and the job duties of the position to be filled. (6) The prison, jail, probation, parole, rehabilitation, and employment records of the person since the date the crime was committed. (7) The subsequent commission by the person of a relevant offense. The fact of conviction of a relevant offense alone shall not be a bar to employment; however, the listed factors shall be considered by the provider.	V 133		

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V 133	<p>Continued From page 7</p> <p>If the provider disqualifies an applicant after consideration of the relevant factors, then the provider may disclose information contained in the criminal history record check that is relevant to the disqualification, but may not provide a copy of the criminal history record check to the applicant.</p> <p>(d) Limited Immunity. - A provider and an officer or employee of a provider that, in good faith, complies with this section shall be immune from civil liability for:</p> <p>(1) The failure of the provider to employ an individual on the basis of information provided in the criminal history record check of the individual.</p> <p>(2) Failure to check an employee's history of criminal offenses if the employee's criminal history record check is requested and received in compliance with this section.</p> <p>(e) Relevant Offense. - As used in this section, "relevant offense" means a county, state, or federal criminal history of conviction or pending indictment of a crime, whether a misdemeanor or felony, that bears upon an individual's fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of persons needing mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse services. These crimes include the criminal offenses set forth in any of the following Articles of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes: Article 5, Counterfeiting and Issuing Monetary Substitutes; Article 5A, Endangering Executive and Legislative Officers; Article 6, Homicide; Article 7A, Rape and Other Sex Offenses; Article 8, Assaults; Article 10, Kidnapping and Abduction; Article 13, Malicious Injury or Damage by Use of Explosive or Incendiary Device or Material; Article 14, Burglary and Other Housebreakings; Article 15, Arson and Other Burnings; Article 16, Larceny; Article 17, Robbery; Article 18, Embezzlement; Article 19,</p>	V 133			

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V 133	Continued From page 8 False Pretenses and Cheats; Article 19A, Obtaining Property or Services by False or Fraudulent Use of Credit Device or Other Means; Article 19B, Financial Transaction Card Crime Act; Article 20, Frauds; Article 21, Forgery; Article 26, Offenses Against Public Morality and Decency; Article 26A, Adult Establishments; Article 27, Prostitution; Article 28, Perjury; Article 29, Bribery; Article 31, Misconduct in Public Office; Article 35, Offenses Against the Public Peace; Article 36A, Riots and Civil Disorders; Article 39, Protection of Minors; Article 40, Protection of the Family; Article 59, Public Intoxication; and Article 60, Computer-Related Crime. These crimes also include possession or sale of drugs in violation of the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act, Article 5 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes, and alcohol-related offenses such as sale to underage persons in violation of G.S. 18B-302 or driving while impaired in violation of G.S. 20-138.1 through G.S. 20-138.5. (f) Penalty for Furnishing False Information. - Any applicant for employment who willfully furnishes, supplies, or otherwise gives false information on an employment application that is the basis for a criminal history record check under this section shall be guilty of a Class A1 misdemeanor. (g) Conditional Employment. - A provider may employ an applicant conditionally prior to obtaining the results of a criminal history record check regarding the applicant if both of the following requirements are met: (1) The provider shall not employ an applicant prior to obtaining the applicant's consent for criminal history record check as required in subsection (b) of this section or the completed fingerprint cards as required in G.S. 114-19.10. (2) The provider shall submit the request for a	V 133			

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V 133	<p>Continued From page 9</p> <p>criminal history record check not later than five business days after the individual begins conditional employment. (2000-154, s. 4; 2001-155, s. 1; 2004-124, ss. 10.19D(c), (h); 2005-4, ss. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5(a); 2007-444, s. 3.)</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to ensure the criminal history record check was requested within five business days of making the conditional offer of employment affecting one of four audited staff. The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 4/4/25 of the personnel record for the Qualified Professional (QP) revealed: -Hire date of 8/1/25. -She was hired as the QP. - A criminal history record check was conducted on 10/30/24.</p> <p>Interviews on 4/4/25 with the Director revealed: -A criminal history check for the QP was conducted and she had looked for it. -She could not locate a copy of the QP's criminal history check. -A criminal history record check was not accessed prior to hire.</p>	V 133		