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V 000	<p><b>INITIAL COMMENTS</b></p> <p>An annual, complaint, and follow up survey was completed on January 7, 2026. The complaint was substantiated (Intake #NC00235123). 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 has a current census of 5. The survey sample consisted of audits of 3 current clients.</p>	V 000		
V 108	<p><b>27G .0202 (F-I) Personnel Requirements</b></p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0202 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>(f) Continuing education shall be documented.</p> <p>(g) Employee training programs shall be provided and, at a minimum, shall consist of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) general organizational orientation;</li> <li>(2) training on client rights and confidentiality as delineated in 10A NCAC 27C, 27D, 27E, 27F and 10A NCAC 26B;</li> <li>(3) training to meet the mh/dd/sa needs of the client as specified in the treatment/habilitation plan; and</li> <li>(4) training in infectious diseases and bloodborne pathogens.</li> </ol> <p>(h) Except as permitted under 10a NCAC 27G .5602(b) of this Subchapter, at least one staff member shall be available in the facility at all times when a client is present. That staff member shall be trained in basic first aid including seizure management, currently trained to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation and trained in the Heimlich maneuver or other first aid techniques such as those provided by Red Cross,</p>	V 108		

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V 108	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>the American Heart Association or their equivalence for relieving airway obstruction.</p> <p>(i) The governing body shall develop and implement policies and procedures for identifying, reporting, investigating and controlling infectious and communicable diseases of personnel and clients.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to ensure 2 of 2 audited paraprofessionals (Staff #1 and the House Manager) received training to meet the MH/DD/SA needs of the clients. The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 12/23/25 of Client #3's record revealed: -Admit: 3/17/25. -Diagnoses: Intellectual Developmental Disability, Mild; Schizoaffective Disorder Bipolar Type; Cannabis Use Disorder; Stimulant Use Disorder, Amphetamine Type; and Thrombocytopenia. -Person Centered Plan (PCP) (treatment plan) dated 2/27/25 had no goals or strategies to address elopement. -No evidence of revisions to PCP to address the client needs.</p> <p>Review on 12/23/25 of Staff #1's personnel record revealed: -Date of Hire: 3/3/23. -No individual client specific training to address elopement behaviors. -No documentation that staff had been trained on intervention or strategies to prevent elopement.</p>	V 108		

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V 108	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>-No documentation of client specific training to address PCP revisions.</p> <p>Review on 12/23/25 of The House Manager's personnel record revealed: -Date of Hire: 2/14/22 -No individual client specific training to address elopement behaviors. -No documentation that staff had been trained on intervention or strategies to prevent elopement. -No documentation of client specific training to address PCP revisions.</p> <p>Review on 12/29/25 of an email from the Residential Coordinator to the Division of Health Services Regulation Surveyor on 12/29/25 revealed: -"So in looking back [Client #3]'s PCP was updated to reflect the issues of elopement, but not uploaded to her [electronic medical record], this update was completed at the time of the HRC (Human Rights Committee) (October 2025) approval to reflect the alarms. This should have been uploaded into her record at that time, and I only had the PCP you reviewed. I will put this in her record and share with Manager &amp; DSP's (Direct Service Professional)." -An attachment to the email included an updated PCP signed by the Qualified Professional (QP) and dated 10/30/25. -The updated PCP identified an increase in elopements from the facility in the "safety and security" domain section; however, there were no goals with interventions or strategies to address elopement and safety. -No documentation staff had been trained on this updated PCP.</p> <p>Interview on 12/29/25 with Staff #1 revealed: -Would review client goals in the electronic</p>	V 108		

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V 108	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>medical record.</p> <p>-Was unaware that there had been any updates to Client #3's treatment plan.</p> <p>Interview on 12/29/25 with the House Manager revealed:</p> <p>-"Everything (PCPs) is on the computer... I keep a spiral book for each client and their plans (PCPs)."</p> <p>-"Was not aware..." if the PCP had been updated to include treatment strategies to address elopements.</p> <p>Interview on 12/23/25 with the Residential Coordinator revealed:</p> <p>-There was no documentation that the treatment plan had been updated.</p> <p>Interviews on 12/29/25 and 1/5/26 with the Regional Manager revealed:</p> <p>-Had conversations with staff.</p> <p>-"We should have been doing that (documenting discussions about Client #3)."</p>	V 108		
V 112	<p>27G .0205 (C-D) Assessment/Treatment/Habilitation Plan</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0205 ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT/HABILITATION OR SERVICE PLAN</p> <p>(c) The plan shall be developed based on the assessment, and in partnership with the client or legally responsible person or both, within 30 days of admission for clients who are expected to receive services beyond 30 days.</p> <p>(d) The plan shall include:</p> <p>(1) client outcome(s) that are anticipated to be achieved by provision of the service and a projected date of achievement;</p>	V 112		

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V 112	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>(2) strategies; (3) staff responsible; (4) a schedule for review of the plan at least annually in consultation with the client or legally responsible person or both; (5) basis for evaluation or assessment of outcome achievement; and (6) written consent or agreement by the client or responsible party, or a written statement by the provider stating why such consent could not be obtained.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews, observations, and interviews, the facility failed to develop and implement treatment goals and strategies to address the needs of 1 of 3 audited clients (Client #3). The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 12/23/25 of Client #3's record revealed: -Admit: 3/17/25. -Diagnoses: Intellectual Developmental Disability, Mild; Schizoaffective Disorder Bipolar Type; Cannabis Use Disorder; Stimulant Use Disorder, Amphetamine Type; and Thrombocytopenia. -Person Centered Plan (PCP) (treatment plan) dated 2/27/25 had no goals or strategies to address elopement. -No updates to the PCP after 2/27/25.</p>	V 112		

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V 112	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>Review on 12/23/25 of the facility incident reports for Client #3 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Client #3 eloped from the facility on the following dates: 4/26/25, 6/25/25, 9/21/25, 10/12/25, 10/20/25, 11/22/25, and 12/14/25.</li> <li>-Client #3 eloped to a neighboring county at least 20 miles from the facility on at least 3 of the 7 elopement dates.</li> <li>-Local law enforcement was called each time Client #3 eloped from the facility.</li> </ul> <p>Observations on 12/23/25 at approximately 8:35 am and 1/5/26 at approximately 11 am of the surrounding area near the facility revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The facility was located approximately 2 miles off of a 5-lane highway (2 lanes of traffic for each direction separated by a shared a middle turn lane).</li> <li>-The posted speed limit was 45 miles per hour (mph).</li> <li>-This 5-lane highway was located approximately 0.25 miles from a 4-way stop light intersection with another 5-lane highway.</li> <li>-Turning left at that intersection toward the neighboring county where Client #3 eloped to, that 5-lane highway initially had a concrete median for about 0.5 miles with a posted 45 mph speed limit.</li> <li>-After approximately 0.5 miles, the speed limit increased to 50 mph and the median became a grassy median but still remained a 4-lane highway.</li> <li>-The neighboring county/city where Client #3 went when she eloped was located at least 20 miles away.</li> </ul> <p>Review on 12/29/25 of an email from the Residential Coordinator to the Division of Health Services Regulation Surveyor on 12/29/25 revealed:</p>	V 112		

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V 112	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>-"So in looking back [Client #3]'s PCP was updated to reflect the issues of elopement, but not uploaded to her [electronic medical record], this update was completed at the time of the HRC (Human Rights Committee) (october 2025) approval to reflect the alarms. This should have been uploaded into her record at that time, and I only had the PCP you reviewed. I will put this in her record and share with Manager &amp; DSP's (Direct Service Professional)."</p> <p>-An attachment to the email included an updated PCP signed by the Qualified Professional (QP) and dated 10/30/25.</p> <p>-The updated PCP identified an increase in elopements from the facility in the "safety and security" domain section; however, there were no goals with interventions or strategies to address elopement and safety.</p> <p>Interviews on 12/23/25 and 1/5/26 with Client #3 revealed:</p> <p>-"I left (the facility) a few times...because I wanted to go see my friend (ex-boyfriend)...I used to live with him..."</p> <p>-"They (facility staff) caught me the first time (tried to elope) and brought me back. The second time I left through the kitchen door and went around (back of the house).</p> <p>-"I left 6 times."</p> <p>-Walked halfway to the neighboring county and ask for rides from strangers. "...find someone to give me a ride."</p> <p>-"I stayed with him (ex-boyfriend) the whole night (one incident of elopement on 12/14/25)..."</p> <p>-"I just ask people for rides (at a local gas station)."</p> <p>-"I would go to [city in neighboring county] and go see [ex-boyfriend]..."</p> <p>Interview on 12/29/25 with Staff #1 revealed:</p>	V 112		

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V 112	<p>Continued From page 7</p> <p>-Would review client goals in the electronic medical record.</p> <p>-Was unaware that there had been any updates to Client #3's treatment plan.</p> <p>-Had conversations with the House Manager about Client #3's elopement behaviors but did not think there was documentation of strategies.</p> <p>Interview on 12/29/25 with the House Manager revealed: -"Everything (PCPs) is on the computer... I keep a spiral book for each client and their plans (PCPs)." -"Was not aware..." if the PCP had been updated to include treatment strategies to address elopements. -"We are trying to do the best we can (to prevent elopements)..."</p> <p>Interviews on 12/23/25 and 12/29/25 with the QP revealed: -Was responsible for the development and implementation of treatment strategies and the PCP. -Client #3's PCP had not been updated to include treatment strategies to address elopements. -Was "new...only been a QP for about a year and just didn't know."</p> <p>Interview on 12/23/25 with the Residential Coordinator revealed: -"...typically (the QP) update them (PCPs) annually..." -There was no documentation that the treatment plan had been updated. -There had been a treatment team meeting in October 2025, "...we (Licensee) have to come up with a solution or we can't care for her (Client #3)."</p>	V 112		

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V 112	Continued From page 8  Interview on 1/5/26 with the Regional Manager revealed: -"I will say as she (Client #3) has done the elopements, we should have done the goals...we should have incorporated them." -"Developing strategies (regarding elopement), we don't have documentation..."  This deficiency is cross referenced into 10A NCAC 27G .5601 Scope (V289) for a Type A1 rule violation and must be corrected within 23 days.	V 112		
V 113	27G .0206 Client Records  10A NCAC 27G .0206 CLIENT RECORDS (a) A client record shall be maintained for each individual admitted to the facility, which shall contain, but need not be limited to: (1) an identification face sheet which includes: (A) name (last, first, middle, maiden); (B) client record number; (C) date of birth; (D) race, gender and marital status; (E) admission date; (F) discharge date; (2) documentation of mental illness, developmental disabilities or substance abuse diagnosis coded according to DSM IV; (3) documentation of the screening and assessment; (4) treatment/habilitation or service plan; (5) emergency information for each client which shall include the name, address and telephone number of the person to be contacted in case of sudden illness or accident and the name, address and telephone number of the client's preferred physician; (6) a signed statement from the client or legally	V 113		

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V 113	<p>Continued From page 9</p> <p>responsible person granting permission to seek emergency care from a hospital or physician; (7) documentation of services provided; (8) documentation of progress toward outcomes; (9) if applicable: (A) documentation of physical disorders diagnosis according to International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9-CM); (B) medication orders; (C) orders and copies of lab tests; and (D) documentation of medication and administration errors and adverse drug reactions. (b) Each facility shall ensure that information relative to AIDS or related conditions is disclosed only in accordance with the communicable disease laws as specified in G.S. 130A-143.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to maintain the required documentation in the client's record affecting 1 of 3 clients (Client #3). The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 12/23/25 of Client #3's record revealed: -Admit: 3/17/25. -Diagnoses: Intellectual Developmental Disability, Mild; Schizoaffective Disorder Bipolar Type; Cannabis Use Disorder; Stimulant Use Disorder, Amphetamine Type; and Thrombocytopenia. -Person Centered Plan (PCP) (treatment plan) dated 2/27/25 with no updates. -No documentation of services provided or progress toward outcomes.</p>	V 113		

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V 113	<p>Continued From page 10</p> <p>Interview on 12/22/25 with the Department of Social Services legal guardian revealed: -"After each elopement, we have had treatment team meetings (with the facility)."</p> <p>Interview on 11/29/25 with the House Manager revealed: -Had verbally been instructed to complete 15 minute checks. -"We try to check every 10 to 15 minutes..." -"No. I can't say that they are. (documenting preventative measures for Client #3). I wasn't directed to do that."</p> <p>Interview on 12/23/25 with the Residential Coordinator revealed: -"There was no other documentation (outside of what was documented in IRIS)." -There was no documentation of any meetings with the legal guardian. -No documentation of increased visuals check. -There had been a treatment team meeting in October and wasn't sure who was responsible for taking notes. -There had been discussion about the incidents and prevention, "...For my part, didn't think about notes (of the meetings)." -Acknowledged that there was not any documentation from any meetings that had taken place.</p> <p>Interviews on 12/29/25 and 1/5/26 with the Regional Manager revealed: -Staff had verbally been instructed to do 15 minute checks but here was no documentation. -Would have monthly meetings at the facility but did not have documentation. -"...and we (management staff) highly preach to new hires..." to document everything.</p>	V 113		

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V 113	Continued From page 11  -"Developing strategies, we don't have documentation. That is where it lacks..." -"We don't have anything (documentation) showing we follow through."	V 113		
V 289	27G .5601 Supervised Living - Scope  10A NCAC 27G .5601 SCOPE (a) Supervised living is a 24-hour facility which provides residential services to individuals in a home environment where the primary purpose of these services is the care, habilitation or rehabilitation of individuals who have a mental illness, a developmental disability or disabilities, or a substance abuse disorder, and who require supervision when in the residence. (b) A supervised living facility shall be licensed if the facility serves either: (1) one or more minor clients; or (2) two or more adult clients. Minor and adult clients shall not reside in the same facility. (c) Each supervised living facility shall be licensed to serve a specific population as designated below: (1) "A" designation means a facility which serves adults whose primary diagnosis is mental illness but may also have other diagnoses; (2) "B" designation means a facility which serves minors whose primary diagnosis is a developmental disability but may also have other diagnoses; (3) "C" designation means a facility which serves adults whose primary diagnosis is a developmental disability but may also have other diagnoses; (4) "D" designation means a facility which serves minors whose primary diagnosis is substance abuse dependency but may also have	V 289		

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V 289	<p>Continued From page 12</p> <p>other diagnoses;</p> <p>(5) "E" designation means a facility which serves adults whose primary diagnosis is substance abuse dependency but may also have other diagnoses; or</p> <p>(6) "F" designation means a facility in a private residence, which serves no more than three adult clients whose primary diagnoses is mental illness but may also have other disabilities, or three adult clients or three minor clients whose primary diagnoses is developmental disabilities but may also have other disabilities who live with a family and the family provides the service. This facility shall be exempt from the following rules: 10A NCAC 27G .0201 (a)(1),(2),(3),(4),(5)(A)&amp;(B); (6); (7) (A),(B),(E),(F),(G),(H); (8); (11); (13); (15); (16); (18) and (b); 10A NCAC 27G .0202(a),(d),(g)(1) (i); 10A NCAC 27G .0203; 10A NCAC 27G .0205 (a),(b); 10A NCAC 27G .0207 (b),(c); 10A NCAC 27G .0208 (b),(e); 10A NCAC 27G .0209[(c)(1) - non-prescription medications only] (d)(2),(4); (e) (1)(A),(D),(E),(f);(g); and 10A NCAC 27G .0304 (b)(2),(d)(4). This facility shall also be known as alternative family living or assisted family living (AFL).</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews, observations and interviews, the facility failed to provide supervision while in the residence affecting 1 of 3 audited clients (Client #3). The findings are:</p> <p>CROSS REFERENCE: 10A NCAC 27G .0205 Assessment and Treatment/Habilitation or</p>	V 289		

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V 289	<p>Continued From page 13</p> <p>Service Plan (V112). Based on record reviews, observations, and interviews, the facility failed to develop and implement treatment goals and strategies to address the needs of 1 of 3 audited clients (Client #3).</p> <p>CROSS REFERENCE: 10A NCAC 27G .5602 Staff (V290). Based on record reviews, observations, and interviews, the facility failed to maintain staffing to respond to meet the individualized client needs of 1 of 3 audited clients (Client #3).</p> <p>Review on 12/31/25 of the Plan of Protection signed and dated 12/31/25 by the Regional Manager revealed:                      -"What immediate action will the facility take to ensure the safety of the consumers in your care? Please see the attached Plan of Protection Describe your plans to make sure the above happens. Please see the attached Plan of Protection                      -Immediate Actions to Ensure Client Safety Prevent Elopement for Client with Recent History                      -Continue use of HRC (Human Rights Committee)-approved alarms on common area doors, client's bedroom door, and window.                      -By COB (Close of Business) 12/31/25: Install alarms purchased locally for ALL facility windows.                      -Order high-quality, state-of-the-art alarms from [retail provider] with superior loudness for maximum effectiveness. (To be delivered 1/4/26)                      -RM (Regional Manager) to submit emergency approval request to Human Rights Committee by COB 1/2/26.                      -Residential Coordinator will notify all LRPs (Legally Responsible Person) in the home of installation and request approval for state-of-the-art alarms (for health and safety, not monitoring purposes for all clients).</p>	V 289		

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V 289	<p>Continued From page 14</p> <p>Enhanced Supervision -RM will create a log for GH (Group Home) (facility) DSPs (Direct Service Professionals) to initial every 15 minutes while client is at home and awake (client attends PSR (Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program) (part of the day) and deliver to GH staff 12/31/25.</p> <p>Team Coordination -Team meeting scheduled 1/7/26 with LRP, Care Manager, Residential Coordinator, RM, and SRM (Senior Regional Manager) to review short-range goals and update Provider Plan for signature by COB 1/9/26.</p> <p>Other Consumers -Safety of the other four clients in the home has been assessed; no immediate modifications required.</p> <p>Responsible Parties -Residential Coordinator: Collect signed logs daily on weekdays. -GH Manager: Submit logs daily except weekends and those will be on Monday mornings. -RM: Weekly review of logs. -RM: Lead team meeting on 1/7/26 and issue 60-day discharge notice by COB 12/31/25 due to unresolved safety concerns and funding limitations.</p> <p>Staff Coaching -By COB 1/6/26: Residential Coordinator will provide coaching to all DSPs and GH Managers on: -What to do if an alarm goes off: 'If the client forgets the rules and attempts to exit the facility during typical sleeping hours, staff will be alerted by alarms (additional alarms are being installed as outlined in the POP) and will redirect the client, reminding her that she is unable to leave the facility. Staff will remain with her until she returns to bed and the alarm is re-secured.' -How to redirect the client as noted in the</p>	V 289		

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V 289	<p>Continued From page 15</p> <p>Crisis Plan (to be reviewed at team meeting on 1/7/26).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-When to contact police (per Executive Director: police will only be contacted if client refuses redirection and is out of staff's sight).</li> <li>-Immediate steps: DSP will notify supervisor, who will notify QP (Qualified Professional) of elopement.</li> <li>-After 30 minutes, LRP, RM and SRM will be notified by Residential Coordinator.</li> </ul> <p>Additional Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Install outdoor camera for visual monitoring during scheduled smoking times by COB 1/2/26.</li> <li>-Review Smoking schedule during Team Meeting 1/7/26</li> </ul> <p>Additional Comment on Monitoring Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-GPS (Global Positioning System) and other monitoring options were previously attempted and failed. Elopement was not initially considered due to the client's history of living independently for over 15 years.</li> </ul> <p>Discharge Reason</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We are concerned about the ability to ensure one client's safety as all available options have been exhausted. Additionally, we are concerned about the wellbeing and rights of four other individuals in the home over the long term. We are also hopeful the client will not elope again yet if she does, we will take her to ER (Emergency Room) for evaluation regardless of feedback from police."</li> </ul> <p>The facility served clients with diagnoses that included but not limited to Mild Intellectual Developmental Disability, Schizoaffective Disorder Bipolar Type, Cannabis Use Disorder, and Stimulant Use Disorder, Amphetamine Type. Client #3 was admitted to the facility in March 2025 and within 9 months she eloped from the facility 7 times. Three of those elopements she</p>	V 289		

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V 289	Continued From page 16  was located in a neighboring county at least 20 miles away from the facility. Local law enforcement was called for each incident to report a missing person and for assistance in locating Client #3. While this was not a presenting problem upon admission, Client #3's treatment plan was not updated to include goals, interventions, or strategies to address her elopement behaviors. The facility maintained one staff to supervise, monitor and meet the needs of all clients, including increased supervision to prevent Client #3 from eloping. The one staff slept at night and as the facility did not provide 24-hour awake supervision despite Client #3 from eloping during overnight hours. This deficiency constitutes a Type A1 rule violation for serious neglect and must be corrected within 23 days.	V 289		
V 290	27G .5602 Supervised Living - Staff  10A NCAC 27G .5602 STAFF (a) Staff-client ratios above the minimum numbers specified in Paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this Rule shall be determined by the facility to enable staff to respond to individualized client needs. (b) A minimum of one staff member shall be present at all times when any adult client is on the premises, except when the client's treatment or habilitation plan documents that the client is capable of remaining in the home or community without supervision. The plan shall be reviewed as needed but not less than annually to ensure the client continues to be capable of remaining in the home or community without supervision for specified periods of time. (c) Staff shall be present in a facility in the following client-staff ratios when more than one child or adolescent client is present:	V 290		

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V 290	<p>Continued From page 17</p> <p>(1) children or adolescents with substance abuse disorders shall be served with a minimum of one staff present for every five or fewer minor clients present. However, only one staff need be present during sleeping hours if specified by the emergency back-up procedures determined by the governing body; or</p> <p>(2) children or adolescents with developmental disabilities shall be served with one staff present for every one to three clients present and two staff present for every four or more clients present. However, only one staff need be present during sleeping hours if specified by the emergency back-up procedures determined by the governing body.</p> <p>(d) In facilities which serve clients whose primary diagnosis is substance abuse dependency:</p> <p>(1) at least one staff member who is on duty shall be trained in alcohol and other drug withdrawal symptoms and symptoms of secondary complications to alcohol and other drug addiction; and</p> <p>(2) the services of a certified substance abuse counselor shall be available on an as-needed basis for each client.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews, observations, and interviews, the facility failed to maintain staffing to respond to meet the individualized client needs of 1 of 3 audited clients (Client #3). The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 12/23/25 of Client #3's record revealed: -Admit: 3/17/25. -Diagnoses: Intellectual Developmental Disability,</p>	V 290		

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V 290	<p>Continued From page 18</p> <p>Mild; Schizoaffective Disorder Bipolar Type; Cannabis Use Disorder; Stimulant Use Disorder, Amphetamine Type; and Thrombocytopenia. -Seven elopements from the facility on the following dates: 4/26/25, 6/25/25, 9/21/25, 10/12/25, 10/20/25, 11/22/25, and 12/14/25.</p> <p>Review on 12/23/25 of the facility incident reports for Client #3 revealed: -Elopements from the facility on the following dates: 4/26/25, 6/25/25, 9/21/25, 10/12/25, 10/20/25, 11/22/25, and 12/14/25. -One incident, dated 10/20/25, Client #3 left the facility at an unidentified time in the middle of the night. -Client #3 eloped to a neighboring county at least 20 miles away from the facility on at least 3 of the 7 elopement dates. -Local law enforcement had been called each time Client #3 eloped from the facility.</p> <p>Observations on 12/23/25 at approximately 8:35 am and 1/5/26 at approximately 11 am of the surrounding area near the facility revealed: -The facility was located approximately 2 miles off of a 5-lane highway (2 lanes of traffic for each direction separated by a shared a middle turn lane). -The posted speed limit was 45 miles per hour (mph). -This 5-lane highway was located approximately 0.25 miles from a 4-way stop light intersection with another 5-lane highway. -Turning left at that intersection toward the neighboring county where Client #3 eloped to, that 5-lane highway initially had a concrete median for about 0.5 miles with a posted 45 mph speed limit. -After approximately 0.5 miles, the speed limit increased to 50 mph and the median became a</p>	V 290		

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V 290	<p>Continued From page 19</p> <p>grassy median but still remained a 4-lane highway.</p> <p>-The neighboring county/city where Client #3 went when she eloped was located at least 20 miles away.</p> <p>Interviews on 12/23/25 and 1/5/26 with Client #3 revealed:</p> <p>-Only one staff member worked in the facility at a time.</p> <p>-"I left (the facility) a few times...because I wanted to go see my friend (ex-boyfriend)...I used to live with him..."</p> <p>-"They (facility staff) caught me the first time (tried to elope) and brought me back. The second time I left through the kitchen door and went around (back of the house).</p> <p>-"I left 6 times."</p> <p>-Walked halfway to the neighboring county and ask for rides from strangers. "...find someone to give me a ride."</p> <p>-"I stayed with him (ex-boyfriend) the whole night (one incident of elopement on 12/14/25)..."</p> <p>-"I would go to [city in neighboring county] and go see [ex-boyfriend]..."</p> <p>Interview on 12/29/25 with Staff #1 revealed:</p> <p>-Worked in the facility by herself.</p> <p>-"Doing the best I can with that (working alone in the facility)...would it be easier if someone else? Yes. But that isn't how it works...there is no funding to have someone else (working) in the house (group home)..."</p> <p>-"I am always doing my best to check on her (Client #3)."</p> <p>Interview on 12/29/25 with the House Manager revealed:</p> <p>-Only one staff working at a time and staff sleep at night.</p>	V 290		

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V 290	<p>Continued From page 20</p> <p>-Client #3 did not have unsupervised time in the community.</p> <p>-Left Client #3 alone at the hospital after she had been admitted.</p> <p>-Worked in the facility alone on her shift.</p> <p>-"We are trying to do the best we can (to prevent elopements)..."</p> <p>Interview on 12/23/25 with the Qualified Professional (QP) revealed:</p> <p>-Staff "try to keep eyes on as much as possible...hard to do with 1 staff and 5 clients."</p> <p>Interview on 12/23/25 with the Residential Coordinator revealed:</p> <p>-"Not our license typeThere really is no one that could be available to sit up all night with her (Client #3). I just don't really know how that would go. We are not set up for that and don't have the funding...but to have that extra staff, so many dynamics to it."</p> <p>-Staff in the facility sleep at night as they are not 24 hour awake staff.</p> <p>Interview on 1/5/26 with the Regional Manager revealed:</p> <p>-"At night, staff do sleep. They are not awake all night with clients..."</p> <p>-"One of the times she (Client#3) left really early in the morning..."</p> <p>-"If she (Client #3) walks out...we can't follow. We have other clients. We would have to put them in the van to follow her."</p> <p>This deficiency is cross referenced into 10A NCAC 27G .5601 Scope (V289) for a Type A1 rule violation and must be corrected within 23 days.</p>	V 290		

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V 366	<p>27G .0603 Incident Response Requirements</p> <p>10A NCAC 27G .0603 INCIDENT RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS FOR CATEGORY A AND B PROVIDERS</p> <p>(a) Category A and B providers shall develop and implement written policies governing their response to level I, II or III incidents. The policies shall require the provider to respond by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) attending to the health and safety needs of individuals involved in the incident;</li> <li>(2) determining the cause of the incident;</li> <li>(3) developing and implementing corrective measures according to provider specified timeframes not to exceed 45 days;</li> <li>(4) developing and implementing measures to prevent similar incidents according to provider specified timeframes not to exceed 45 days;</li> <li>(5) assigning person(s) to be responsible for implementation of the corrections and preventive measures;</li> <li>(6) adhering to confidentiality requirements set forth in G.S. 75, Article 2A, 10A NCAC 26B, 42 CFR Parts 2 and 3 and 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164; and</li> <li>(7) maintaining documentation regarding Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(6) of this Rule.</li> </ol> <p>(b) In addition to the requirements set forth in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, ICF/MR providers shall address incidents as required by the federal regulations in 42 CFR Part 483 Subpart I.</p> <p>(c) In addition to the requirements set forth in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, Category A and B providers, excluding ICF/MR providers, shall develop and implement written policies governing their response to a level III incident that occurs while the provider is delivering a billable service or while the client is on the provider's premises. The policies shall require the provider to respond</p>	V 366		

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V 366	<p>Continued From page 22</p> <p>by:</p> <p>(1) immediately securing the client record</p> <p>by:</p> <p>(A) obtaining the client record;</p> <p>(B) making a photocopy;</p> <p>(C) certifying the copy's completeness; and</p> <p>(D) transferring the copy to an internal review team;</p> <p>(2) convening a meeting of an internal review team within 24 hours of the incident. The internal review team shall consist of individuals who were not involved in the incident and who were not responsible for the client's direct care or with direct professional oversight of the client's services at the time of the incident. The internal review team shall complete all of the activities as follows:</p> <p>(A) review the copy of the client record to determine the facts and causes of the incident and make recommendations for minimizing the occurrence of future incidents;</p> <p>(B) gather other information needed;</p> <p>(C) issue written preliminary findings of fact within five working days of the incident. The preliminary findings of fact shall be sent to the LME in whose catchment area the provider is located and to the LME where the client resides, if different; and</p> <p>(D) issue a final written report signed by the owner within three months of the incident. The final report shall be sent to the LME in whose catchment area the provider is located and to the LME where the client resides, if different. The final written report shall address the issues identified by the internal review team, shall include all public documents pertinent to the incident, and shall make recommendations for minimizing the occurrence of future incidents. If all documents needed for the report are not</p>	V 366		

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V 366	<p>Continued From page 23</p> <p>available within three months of the incident, the LME may give the provider an extension of up to three months to submit the final report; and</p> <p>(3) immediately notifying the following:</p> <p>(A) the LME responsible for the catchment area where the services are provided pursuant to Rule .0604;</p> <p>(B) the LME where the client resides, if different;</p> <p>(C) the provider agency with responsibility for maintaining and updating the client's treatment plan, if different from the reporting provider;</p> <p>(D) the Department;</p> <p>(E) the client's legal guardian, as applicable; and</p> <p>(F) any other authorities required by law.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to develop and implement policies governing their response to level II incidents.</p> <p>Review on 12/23/25 of Client #3's record revealed: -Admit: 3/17/25. -Diagnoses: Intellectual Developmental Disability, Mild; Schizoaffective Disorder Bipolar Type; Cannabis Use Disorder; Stimulant Use Disorder, Amphetamine Type; and Thrombocytopenia.</p> <p>Reviews on 12/22/25 and 12/23/25 of the North Carolina Incident Response Improvement System (IRIS) revealed:</p>	V 366		

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V 366	<p>Continued From page 24</p> <p>-4/26/25; Client #3 left the facility at 4:55pm. Local law enforcement was called. Client #3 was located and returned to the facility at 5:46 pm.</p> <p>-5/17/25; Client #3 was experiencing hallucinations at 9:38 am. Client #3 called 911. "[Client #3] was experiencing hallucinations and called 911 using to report that there were people in room, messing up her room and her belongings, were shooting her phone and at her and were going to shave her head. She also walked through the group home and stated that she saw people smoking meth with a pipe." Local law enforcement was dispatched.</p> <p>-6/25/25; Client #3 was outside smoking while staff was inside the facility with the other clients. After about 10 minutes, staff went to check on Client #3 and the back gate was open. Local law enforcement was called. Client #3 was located at a nearby school.</p> <p>-9/21/25; Client #3 left the facility without notifying staff and was found less than 3 hours after being reported missing to local law enforcement. There was no time indicated of the elopement.</p> <p>-10/12/25; Client #3 left the facility at 4:03 pm. Local law enforcement was called. Client #3 was found at 4:30pm.</p> <p>-10/20/25; Client #3 was discovered missing from the facility at 6:30am. Local law enforcement was called. Client #3 was found in a neighboring county at 1 pm. Local law enforcement estimated her elopement to be about 4am-5am per K9 search.</p> <p>-11/22/25; Client #3 left the facility at 7:20pm. Local law enforcement was called. Client #3 was located and returned to the facility at 9:45 pm. Client #3 reported that she went to a city in the neighboring county.</p> <p>-12/14/25; Client #3 left the facility at 5:45pm. Local law enforcement was called. Client #3 was located the next day at 6:58am in a neighboring</p>	V 366		

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V 366	<p>Continued From page 25</p> <p>county by the law enforcement agency of that county.</p> <p>-For all incidents submitted, there was no documentation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-attending to the health and safety needs of individuals involved in the incident;</li> <li>-determining the cause of the incident;</li> <li>-developing and implementing corrective measures according to provider specified timeframes not to exceed 45 days;</li> <li>-developing and implementing measures to prevent similar incidents according to provider specified timeframes not to exceed 45 days; or</li> <li>-assigning person(s) to be responsible for implementation of the corrections and preventive measures.</li> </ul> <p>Review on 12/23/25 of the facility's incident reports revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-No other documentation related to incidents outside of the IRIS reports.</li> </ul> <p>Interview on 12/23/25 with the Vice President of Clinical Compliance for North Carolina revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-"Incident reports are not to be shared but we can give a summary of incident reports."</li> <li>-Could provide a better summary of the incidents if needed.</li> <li>-"[The Residential Coordinator] can print them out for you to view."</li> </ul> <p>Interviews on 12/23/25 and 12/29/25 with Residential Coordinator revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-"Was involved in every single one of these (incidents being put into IRIS)."</li> <li>-There had been no documentation of the meetings related to the incidents.</li> <li>-"There was no other documentation (outside of what was documented in IRIS)."</li> <li>-There had been discussion about the incidents</li> </ul>	V 366		

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V 366	Continued From page 26  and prevention, "...For my part, didn't think about notes (of the meetings)."  Interviews on 12/29/25 and 1/5/26 with Regional Manager revealed: -There was a place in their electronic medical record where staff could document information outside of the IRIS reports. -"We should have been doing that (documentation)." -"Each time we (staff) meet, we should be documenting." -"I will ensure we have that (documentation) moving forward." -"...don't have documentation but our group homes (facilities) have monthly meetings...we don't have documentation, that is where it lacks..."	V 366		
V 367	27G .0604 Incident Reporting Requirements  10A NCAC 27G .0604 INCIDENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CATEGORY A AND B PROVIDERS (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:	V 367		

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V 367	<p>Continued From page 27</p> <p>(1) reporting provider contact and identification information;</p> <p>(2) client identification information;</p> <p>(3) type of incident;</p> <p>(4) description of incident;</p> <p>(5) status of the effort to determine the cause of the incident; and</p> <p>(6) other individuals or authorities notified or responding.</p> <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> <p>(1) the provider has reason to believe that information provided in the report may be erroneous, misleading or otherwise unreliable; or</p> <p>(2) the provider obtains information required on the incident form that was previously 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</p>	V 367		

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V 367	<p>Continued From page 28</p> <p>.0300 and 10A NCAC 27E .0104(e)(18). (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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) medication errors that do not meet the definition of a level II or level III incident;</li> <li>(2) restrictive interventions that do not meet the definition of a level II or level III incident;</li> <li>(3) searches of a client or his living area;</li> <li>(4) seizures of client property or property in the possession of a client;</li> <li>(5) the total number of level II and level III incidents that occurred; and</li> <li>(6) a statement indicating that there have been no reportable incidents whenever no incidents have occurred during the quarter that meet any of the criteria as set forth in Paragraphs (a) and (d) of this Rule and Subparagraphs (1) through (4) of this Paragraph.</li> </ol> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to report level II incidents appropriately. The findings are:</p> <p>Review on 12/23/25 of Client #3's record revealed: -Admit: 3/17/25. -Diagnoses: Intellectual Developmental Disability, Mild; Schizoaffective Disorder Bipolar Type;</p>	V 367		

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V 367	<p>Continued From page 30</p> <p>located and returned to the facility at 9:45 pm. Client #3 reported that she went to a city in the neighboring county.</p> <p>-12/14/25; Client #3 left the facility at 5:45pm. Local law enforcement was called. Client #3 was located the next day at 6:58am in a neighboring county by the law enforcement agency of that county.</p> <p>-For the incidents submitted, there was no documentation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-status of the effort to determine the cause of the incident; and</li> <li>-other individuals or authorities notified or responding.</li> </ul> <p>Review on 12/23/25 of the facility's incident reports revealed:</p> <p>-No other documentation related to incidents outside of the IRIS reports.</p> <p>Interviews on 12/23/25 and 12/29/25 with Residential Coordinator revealed:</p> <p>-"There was no other documentation (outside of what was documented in IRIS)."</p> <p>-There had been discussion about the incidents and prevention, "...For my part, didn't think about notes (of the meetings)."</p> <p>Interviews on 12/29/25 and 1/5/26 with Regional Manager revealed:</p> <p>-Understood the follow up to the IRIS reporting to determine the cause of incidents.</p> <p>-"...don't have documentation but our group homes (facilities) have monthly meetings...we don't have documentation, that is where it lacks..."</p>	V 367		