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L 000	Initial Comments An Abbreviated survey was conducted on 6/12/13 - 6/13/13, for the investigation of complaint / report numbers AL00029136. As a result of the investigation of complaint / report number AL00029136, Resident Assessment, 420-5-10-.09(12)(a) is cited. The Floyd "TUT" Fann State Veterans Home is not in compliance with rules of the Alabama State Board of Health for Nursing Facilities, Ala. Admin. Code Sec. 420-5-10.	L 000			
L 181	420-5-10-.09(12)(a) Resident Assessment (12) The services provided or arranged by the facility must: (a) Meet professional standards of quality; and This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on interviews, record review and review of a facility policy titled "7.25 Transdermal Drug Delivery System (Patch) Application", the facility staff failed to follow the Physician's Orders to remove Resident Identifier (RI) #1's Exelon 4.6 mg (milligram) patch daily, prior to applying a new patch. This deficient practice affected RI #1, one (1) of three (3) residents sampled. Finding Included: According to Potter & Perry, FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING, Stocker-Hall, eighth edition, 2009, pp. 595, documents, "... Topical Medication Application Topical medications are medications that are applied locally, most often to intact skin ... Some topical medications are applied in the form of a transdermal patch that remain in place for an	L 181			

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L 181	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>extended amount of time ... Before applying a new patch, remove the old one ... Many patches are clear, which makes them difficult to see. Therefore carefully assess the patient's skin and be sure to remove the existing patch before applying a new patch. Follow these guidelines to ensure safe administration of transdermal or topical medications ...</p> <p>Document the location on the patient's body where the medication was placed on the MAR (Medication Administration Record) ...</p> <p>Document removal of the patch or medication on the MAR ..."</p> <p>A facility policy titled "7.25 Transdermal Drug Delivery System (Patch) Application" effective date: 11/01/2012, documented: "Policy To administer medication through the skin for continuous absorption while the patch is in place, through proper placement of the patch and care of the application sites ... Procedures ... E. Check last site of application and select a new site, rotating in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations ... F. Remove old patch from body and dispose of properly ..."</p> <p>RI #1 was admitted to the facility on 4/24/13, with diagnoses to include Alzheimer's Disease, Coronary Disease, Cough, Insomnia, Tear Film Insufficiency, Allergic Rhinitis, Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD), Constipation, Edema, Congestive Heart Failure (CHF), and Hypertrophy Prostate.</p> <p>RI #1's MDS (Minimum Data Set) 14 day assessment, with an ARD (Assessment Reference Date) of 04/29/13, identified RI #1's BIMS (Brief Interview for Mental Status) as 8,</p>	L 181			

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L 181	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>indicating moderate impairment for cognition. RI #1 was independent for bed mobility, transfers, walking in the room and corridor and with locomotion on and off the unit. RI #1 needed limited assistance with dressing and personal hygiene, was assessed to need extensive assistance with bathing and was always incontinent of bowel and bladder.</p> <p>A review of RI #1's May 2013 "Physician Orders" included "Exelon 4.6 mg/24HR (Hour) patch, apply new patch daily, please remove old patch prior to placement." Also included in the order was the time of application "8:30 a.m." and the area of "Site" to place the patch and an area for "Remove" to be checked by the nurse who removed the used patch.</p> <p>A review of RI #1's May 2013 MAR revealed RI #1 had received the Exelon patch on May 27, 28, 29, and May 30, 2013.</p> <p>Further review of the May 2013 MAR revealed two nurses were responsible for applying RI #1's Exelon patch and removing it May 27, 28, 29, and 30 2013, during the 8:30 a.m. morning medication pass. Employee Identifier (EI) #1 and EI #2, LPN's (Licensed Practical Nurses) initials were on the MAR as having administered the Exelon patches to RI #1 on the days in questions.</p> <p>On 6/12/13 at 4:30 p.m., the surveyor conducted a phone interview with the complainant. The complainant stated she was informed on 6/1/13, by the ER (Emergency Room) nurse that her father had four Exelon patches found on his body when he came to the ER. The daughter stated she was concerned because the nurses should have taken the old patches off before they put the</p>	L 181			

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L 181	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>new patches on her father.</p> <p>On 6/12/13 at 4:40 p.m., the surveyor conducted an interview with the facility's Medical Director, EI #4. The surveyor asked EI #4 if he ordered Exelon 4.6 mg/24 patch to be placed on RI #1 and removed every 24 hours. EI #4 said, yes it was part of his admission order to apply and initial the patch and remove it every 24 hour. The surveyor asked EI #4 if he was aware RI #1 was admitted to the hospital on 6/1/13, with 4 Exelon patches intact to his body. EI #4 said he was aware RI #1 was sent out to the hospital for further evaluation. EI #4 said he was not aware of the numbers of patches on RI #1's body at the time of transfer. The surveyor asked EI #4 what would be the consequences of the 4 patches being used at one time. EI #4 said four patches at the dose 4.6 mg/24 hour if given at the same time would not have a significant toxic affect. The surveyor asked EI #4 did the usage of the 4 Exelon patches caused RI #1's death. EI #4 said NO. The surveyor asked EI #4 if RI #1 was over medicated with the Exelon patches at the time of hospitalization on 6/1/13. EI #4 said, if all the patches were placed at the same time on the same day, then the dose would be higher than the recommended maximum daily dose. If the patches were placed one a day, over a 4 day period and not removed each day, then given the Pharmokentics of this drug (RI #1) would not likely have received the maximum daily dose at the time of the evaluation.</p> <p>On 06/13/13 at 08:45 a.m., the surveyor attempted to contact EI #2, the nurse who initialed as being responsible for applying and removing the Exelon patch on May 27, 2013. The surveyor was unable to make contact at this time.</p>	L 181			

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L 181	Continued From page 4 On 6/13/13 at 9:00 a.m., the surveyor conducted an interview with EI #1, the LPN responsible for applying and removing the Exelon patches on May 28, 29 and 30, 2013, as indicated by her initials on the May 2013, MAR. The surveyor asked EI #1 who is responsible for administering RI #1's medication. EI #1 said, the nurses. The surveyor asked EI #1 if she'd been a nurse responsible for giving RI #1 his medication. EI #1 said yes. The surveyor asked EI #1 what was the procedure when applying an Exelon patch on a resident. EI #1 said you remove the old one and put the new one on. The surveyor asked EI #1 where would the nurse put the new Exelon patch on the resident. EI #1 said there were certain locations according to the days of the months where you place the patch on the resident's body. The surveyor asked EI #1 who would have been responsible for removing the daily Exelon patch from RI #1's body. EI #1 said which ever nurse was working. The surveyor asked EI #1 who would have been responsible for removing the Exelon patch on May 27. EI #1 called EI #2's name. The surveyor asked EI #1 who would have been responsible for removing the Exelon patch on May 28, 29 and 30. EI #1 said she would have been. The surveyor asked EI #1 if there was more than one patch on a resident what would the nurse do. EI #1 said she would remove them and report it to her supervisor. The surveyor asked EI #1 what does the facility's policy and procedure say the nurse should do when applying and removing an Exelon patch. EI #1 said check what day of the week and the position of the old patch and check the position where the new patch should go. The surveyor asked EI #1 if she had heard about the incident pertaining to RI #1. EI #1 said, he (RI#1) had 4 Exelon patches on him when he came to the hospital. The surveyor asked EI #1 whose initials	L 181			

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L 181	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>were IH. EI #1 said they were her initials. EI #2 stated if IH was on the patches then she guess she left then on. The surveyor asked EI #1 if she administered medication on May 28, 29 and 30, 2013, during the morning (8:30 a.m.) medication pass. EI #1 said yes she did.</p> <p>On 6/13/13 at 12:07 p.m., the surveyor conducted an interview with the Emergency Room Nurse who assessed RI #1 on 6/1/13. The surveyor asked the ER Nurse if she remembered RI #1. The ER Nurse said she remembered the name. The surveyor informed the ER nurse RI #1 was presented to the ER on June 1, 2013, in respiratory Distress and there were concerns related to him having 4 Exelon patches on his body. The ER Nurse said she remembered RI #1 and he did have four Exelon patches on him. The ER nurse said the patches were dated May 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2013. The ER Nurse said the patches were all positioned on RI #1's flank side of his body, the upper area. The ER Nurse said she called the nursing home and told the nurse about the patches. The ER Nurse said she did not remember the nurses name.</p> <p>The hospital Emergency Room Nursing Triage report dated 6/1/13 documented, "... skin: ... 4 x 4.6 mg Exelon transderm patches removed from patient at time of assessment..."</p> <p>This deficiency was cited as a result of the investigation of complaint/report #AL00029136.</p>	L 181			