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A 000	<p>Initial Comments</p> <p>On June 5, 2024, an unannounced licensure survey was conducted for this 16 bed Assisted Living Facility (ALF) with a census of 16.</p> <p>There were no complaints investigated during this survey.</p> <p>Deficiencies were cited during this survey for failure to operate in accordance with the Rules of the Alabama State Board of Health (SBOH), Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), Chapter 420-5-4, Alabama Administrative Code, for Assisted Living Facilities. The deficiencies cited pose a potential risk of harm to the residents and require a plan of correction.</p>	A 000		
A 611	<p>420-5-4-.06 (4) (a) (b) Care of Residents.</p> <p>(4) Personal Care and Services. The facility shall provide care and services consistent with community standards.</p> <p>(a) Portions of residents' records necessary for staff to provide care, including the plans of care and relevant portions of the medical examination records and admission records, shall be accessible to the direct care staff at all times.</p> <p>(b) Plan of Care. There shall be a written plan of care developed for each resident prior to or at the time of admission. The plan of care shall be based on the initial medical examination, diagnoses, and recommendations of the resident's treating physician. The plan of care shall be reviewed and updated based on the annual examination, and all other physician examinations, diagnoses, and recommendations of the resident's treating physician, and the resident's monthly assessments. The plan of care</p>	A 611		

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A 611	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>shall be developed and updated in cooperation with the resident and, if appropriate, the sponsor. All entries on the plan of care shall be accurately dated.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The plan shall at all times reflect the current condition of the resident and document the personal care and services required from the facility by the resident. In addition to other items that may be required by the facility's own policies and procedures, the plan of care shall contain the following: 2. A listing of the resident's individual needs or problems that require intervention by the facility. 3. A listing of interventions provided by the facility to address the resident's identified needs or problems. 4. A copy of any outside provider's certification and plan of care, such as the current Home Health Certification and Plan of Care for each resident receiving care from an outside provider. 5. Activities of Daily Living. Residents of assisted living facilities shall be assisted and encouraged to maintain a clean, well-kept personal appearance. Each facility shall provide all needed assistance with activities of daily living to each resident. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bathing. Residents shall be offered a bath or partial bath or shall be assisted with a bath or partial bath daily, and more often when necessary or requested. 	A 611		

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A 611	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>(ii) Oral Hygiene. Residents shall be assisted with oral hygiene to keep mouth, teeth, or dentures clean. Measures shall be used to prevent dry, cracked lips.</p> <p>(iii) Hair. Resident's hair shall be kept clean, neat, and well groomed.</p> <p>(iv) Manicure. Fingernails and toenails shall be kept clean and trimmed.</p> <p>(v) Shaving. Men shall be assisted with shaving or shaved as necessary to keep them clean and well groomed.</p> <p>(vi) Personal Safety. Residents shall be provided assistance with personal safety.</p> <p>6. As changes in medication and personal services become necessary, the plan of care shall be promptly updated and all changes shall be documented.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to maintain current care plans for residents which contained interventions to meet the care and safety needs of the residents.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>Resident Identifier (RI)#6 was admitted to the facility on October 23, 2023, with diagnoses which included diabetes mellitus, dementia, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), coronary artery disease (CAD) and anemia. During an</p>	A 611		

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A 611	Continued From page 3 interview with RI#6 on June 4, 2024, at approximately 11:30 AM, EI#6 stated that he/she performed self-catheterization three times a day. During record review on June 4, 2024, at approximately 2:35 PM, the care plan for RI#6, which was updated on April 13, 2024, read "Resident is independent in toileting. He/she will request resident assistant (RA) as needed". RI#6's care plan did not address RI#6's self-catheterization. On June 4, 2024, at approximately 3:45 PM, Employee Identifier (EI)#1 agreed with the surveyor's finding. EI#1 advised the surveyor that RI#6's care plan would be updated.	A 611		
A 702	420-5-4-.07 (2) Food Service (2) Food Handling Procedures. (a) Dish and Utensils Washing, Disinfection, and Storage. 1. Wash water shall be changed with sufficient frequency to avoid gross contamination, and final rinse water shall be kept clean and clear. 2. Hand washed repeated service and multi-service utensils and dishes, after washing and rinsing, shall be sanitized by either of the following methods: (i) Utensils and dishes shall be completely immersed for a period of not less than 30 seconds in water that is at least 171 degrees Fahrenheit (pouring scalding water over utensils and dishes does not meet this requirement); or (ii) A cold water sanitizer. A sanitizing	A 702		

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A 702	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>solution shall be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Utensils and dishes shall be completely immersed for a period of not less than 10 seconds in a clean solution containing not less than 50 ppm, and not more than 200 ppm, of available chlorine bleach, or 30 seconds in 12.5 ppm of iodine or the amount of time set by the manufacturer in a 200 ppm quaternary ammonium solution. Water temperature must be at least 75 degrees Fahrenheit. Water temperatures and chemical concentrations shall be monitored and documented prior to dishwashing. A record of each test shall be maintained for at least three months.</p> <p>3. Dishes and utensils shall be allowed to air dry.</p> <p>4. After washing, rinsing, sanitizing, and air-drying, all repeated use service ware (utensils and dishes) shall be stored in a clean, dry place that is protected from pests, dust, splash, and other contaminants. Utensils shall be handled in such a way as to prevent contamination from hands and clothing.</p> <p>5. The results from the use of dishwashing machines shall be equivalent to those obtained from the method outlined above, as documented in material provided from the manufacturer and kept on file at the facility.</p> <p>(b) Ice. Crushed or chipped ice shall be protected from splash, drip, and hand contamination during storage and service. The ice scoop may be stored in the ice bin in a manner to prevent ice from coming into contact with the handle, or it may be stored in an airtight</p>	A 702		

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A 702	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>container outside the ice bin.</p> <p>(c) Protection of Food from Contamination.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food and food ingredients shall be stored, handled, and served so as to be protected from pests, dust, rodents, droplet infection, unsanitary handling, overhead leakage, sewage back flow, and any other contamination. Sugar, syrup, and condiment receptacles shall be provided with lids and shall be kept covered when not in use. 2. Medications, biologicals, poisons, detergents, and cleaning supplies shall not be kept in the refrigerator or in other areas used for storage of food. 3. Food shall not be stored on the floor. All food and food ingredients stored on shelving must be placed on shelving that is at least six inches above the floor. 4. Refrigerators shall maintain a maximum temperature of 41 degrees Fahrenheit. Freezers shall be maintained at a maximum temperature of 0 degrees Fahrenheit. Thermometers shall remain in refrigerators and freezers at all times. 5. All leftover foods shall be labeled and dated with a "use by date", so that it may be consumed or discarded by that date, which is no more than 3 days from the date it was prepared. 6. All food products shall be used by the manufacturer's indicated date or discarded. 	A 702		

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A 702	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>7. Food shall be prepared either in the licensed facility or another location even when that location is not part of the licensed facility. All food preparation areas used by the facility shall be subject to the same inspections as though part of the licensed facility. The licensed facility is responsible to ensure adequate equipment and measures are used to ensure that food is not contaminated in transport and that foods that are transported are held and served at the appropriate temperatures at all times.</p> <p>8. Hot food shall be maintained at a minimum of 135 degrees Fahrenheit and cold foods at a maximum 41 degrees Fahrenheit.</p> <p>9. Frozen food items (raw and cooked) shall be thawed under refrigeration or under running water prior to preparation. Frozen food may also be thawed as part of the cooking process when indicated by package directions. Raw meats shall be stored below and away from vegetables, fruits, and other foods to prevent contamination (meat juices dripping on other foods).</p> <p>10. Laundry shall not be brought through the food preparation or service area.</p> <p>(d) Storage and Service of Milk and Ice Cream.</p> <p>1. Milk and fluid milk products shall be served only from the original containers in which they were received from the distributor. This shall not apply to cream for coffee, cereals, and milk for milk drinks which may be dispensed from a readily cleanable container approved for such use.</p>	A 702		

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A 702	<p>Continued From page 7</p> <p>2. Milk and fluid milk products shall be stored in such a manner that bottles or containers, from which the milk or milk product is to be poured or drunk, will not become contaminated from drip or contact with foods. Milk shall be maintained and stored at a maximum temperature of 41 degrees Fahrenheit and shall not be served at a temperature warmer than 45 degrees Fahrenheit unless specifically requested to be served at a warmer temperature by a resident.</p> <p>3. Contaminating substances shall not be stored with or over open containers of ice cream. Ice cream dippers, spatulas, and other serving utensils shall be cleaned between uses.</p> <p>(e) Kitchen Garbage and Trash Handling.</p> <p>1. Kitchen garbage and trash shall be placed in suitable containers with tight-fitting lids and properly stored pending removal. Kitchen garbage and trash shall not be allowed to accumulate in the kitchen and shall be removed from the premises at frequent intervals.</p> <p>2. After being emptied, all garbage cans and trash cans shall be washed and dried before reuse.</p> <p>(f) Employees' Cleanliness.</p> <p>1. Employees engaged in the handling, preparation, and serving of food shall wear clean clothing at all times. Employees shall wear hair restraints, for example, hairnets, headbands, caps, or other adequate means to prevent</p>	A 702		

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A 702	<p>Continued From page 8</p> <p>contamination of food from hair. Employees whose duties include contact with residents shall change clothing or wear a clean covering over clothing before handling, preparing, or serving food.</p> <p>2. Employees handling food shall wash their hands thoroughly before starting work each day, immediately after contact with any soiled matter, and before returning to work after each visit to the rest room.</p> <p>3. Street clothing not worn by the employee shall be stored in lockers, dressing rooms, or closets designated for staff use.</p> <p>(g) Live Fowl or Animals. Live fowl or animals shall not be allowed in the food service area.</p> <p>(h) Smoking and Spitting. Smoking, other use of tobacco products, and spitting within the food service area shall be prohibited for all staff, residents, and visitors.</p> <p>(i) Dining in Kitchen. Dining in the kitchen shall not be permitted in congregate assisted living facilities.</p> <p>(j) Paper for Food Wrapping. Only new paper, foil, or plastic wrap shall be used for wrapping of foods.</p> <p>(k) Laundering of clothing shall not be permitted in food preparation or service areas.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, emergency</p>	A 702		

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A 702	Continued From page 9 food was not properly stored. Findings: On June 4, 2024, at approximately 12:25 PM during a facility tour, the surveyor observed the facility's laundry room where emergency water was stored on a shelf. Detergents and other chemicals were also stored in the laundry room. EI#1 agreed with the surveyor that the emergency water was not properly stored. EI#1 advised the surveyor that the emergency water was moved there from the pantry due to the shelves were broken. EI#1 also advised the surveyor that the shelves were repaired, and the emergency water would be moved back into the pantry. On June 5, 2024, the surveyor observed the emergency water had been relocated back to the pantry.	A 702		
A1002	420-5-4-.10 (2) Sanitation and Housekeeping. (2) Housekeeping and Physical Plant Maintenance. The facility must provide a safe, functional, sanitary, decent, and comfortable environment for residents, staff, and the public. (a) Equipment and Supplies. The home shall maintain an adequate quantity of housekeeping and maintenance equipment and supplies. (b) Bathtubs and Lavatories. Bathtubs and lavatories shall be kept clean and in proper working order, and shall not be used for laundering. (c) Resident Bedrooms. Resident bedrooms shall be cleaned and dusted as often as necessary to maintain a clean, attractive	A1002		

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A1002	<p>Continued From page 10 appearance.</p> <p>(d) General Storage.</p> <p>1. Broken beds, extra mattresses, mop buckets, and dust rags shall not be kept in hallways, closets, corners, or occupied resident rooms. Such items must be stored neatly and orderly in designated storage rooms.</p> <p>2. The use of attics for storage of combustible materials shall be prohibited unless protected by an automatic sprinkler system and then only in small quantities so as not to create a hazardous condition.</p> <p>3. Basements used for storage shall meet acceptable standards for storage and shall be designed and constructed in a manner that protects against fire hazards.</p> <p>4. Flammable materials such as gasoline, motor fuels, lighter fluid, turpentine, acetone, and oil-based paint shall not be stored in the facility. Unless prohibited by a facility's own policies, however, a cognitively intact resident who uses lighter fluid to fill a personal cigarette lighter, or one who uses flammable materials such as paint or glue in connection with a personal hobby, may store small quantities of those materials in a safe and secure manner within his or her own room.</p> <p>5. Poisonous or External Use Substances. Facility cleaning supplies and poisons shall be attended at all times or shall be kept in a secure area.</p>	A1002		

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A1002	<p>Continued From page 11</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observations and interview, the facility failed to provide a safe and decent environment for residents, staff and visitors.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>Water Heater Closets</p> <p>On June 4, 2024, at approximately 11:20 AM, the surveyor observed multiple closets throughout the facility which contained water heaters. One water heater closet had alcohol wipes and various other combustible materials which were in contact with the water heaters. The other two water heater closets had chairs, copier, wheelchairs, and personal protective equipment. EI#1 stated the water heater closets were used for storage but agreed the stored items created a potential fire hazard. EI#1 also stated the facility had just purchased an outdoor building and was going to have the maintenance person move the items.</p> <p>On June 5, 2024, EI#1 reported to surveyor that all stored items had been removed from the water heater closets.</p>	A1002		
A1203	<p>420-5-4-.12 (5) Physical Environment.</p> <p>(5) General Building Requirements - Family, Group, and Congregate.</p> <p>(a) Structural Soundness and Repair. The building shall be structurally sound, free from leaks and excessive moisture, in good repair, and painted with sufficient frequency to be reasonably attractive inside and out. The interior and exterior of the building shall be kept clean and orderly.</p>	A1203		

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A1203	<p>Continued From page 12</p> <p>(b) Temperature to be Maintained. The facility shall maintain a comfortable temperature. A comfortable range is between 71-81 degrees Fahrenheit.</p> <p>(c) Lighting. Each resident's room shall have artificial light adequate for reading and other uses as needed. All entrances, hallways, stairways, inclines, ramps, cellars, attics, storerooms, kitchens, laundries, and service units shall have sufficient artificial lighting to prevent accidents and promote efficiency of service. Night lights shall be provided in all hallways, stairways, and bathrooms.</p> <p>(d) Screens. All screen doors and operable windows shall be equipped with tight-fitting, full-length insect screens. Screen doors shall be equipped with self-closing devices.</p> <p>(e) Emergency Lighting.</p> <p>1. All assisted living facilities shall provide emergency artificial lighting to adequately illuminate halls, corridors, kitchens, dining areas, and stairwells in case of electrical power failure. As a minimum, dry cell battery-operated lighting shall be provided to light such spaces.</p> <p>2. Emergency lighting must provide illumination in accordance with the currently adopted Life Safety Code for at least 90 minutes.</p> <p>(f) Floors.</p> <p>1. All floors shall be level, smooth and free of cracks, and finished so as to be easily</p>	A1203		

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A1203	<p>Continued From page 13</p> <p>kept clean. The basic requirement for floor finishes shall be wall-to-wall with such finishes as paint, stain, sealer, carpet, sheet vinyl, vinyl tile, hard tile, or other appropriate floor finish.</p> <p>2. Any differences in floor levels shall not prevent a resident from navigating safely throughout the facility.</p> <p>(g) Walls and Ceilings. All walls and ceilings shall be of sound construction with an acceptable surface and shall be kept clean and in good repair.</p> <p>(h) Windows. Operable windows shall be so constructed and maintained so that they fit snugly, and are capable of being opened and closed easily.</p> <p>(i) Ceiling Height. Each room occupied by residents shall have a ceiling height of eight feet or more. Existing facilities with ceiling heights less than eight feet shall be acceptable when the height complies with the codes.</p> <p>(j) Handrails. If handrails are installed in halls or corridors, the handrails shall be mounted at 30-36 inches above the floor and returned to the wall at each end.</p> <p>(k) Stairways. Stairways shall be well lighted, kept in good repair, and have handrails. Open space under stairs shall not be used for storage purpose. All walls and doors under stairs shall meet the same fire rating as the stairwell.</p> <p>(l) Doors.</p> <p>1. In each new assisted living facility,</p>	A1203		

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A1203	<p>Continued From page 14</p> <p>doors of resident bathrooms connected to resident bedrooms shall swing into the bedroom.</p> <p>2. Bedroom and bathroom doors may be equipped with hardware that will permit a resident to lock himself within the room, provided a master key is readily accessible for the staff at a central location.</p> <p>3. Resident bedroom and other exit access doors in each assisted living facility shall be at least three feet wide. Bedroom doors in Family assisted living facilities shall not be less than 32 inches wide.</p> <p>4. Exterior egress doors except the main entry/exit door, may be equipped with a delayed egress locking system installed in accordance with NFPA 101. Other special locking arrangements are permitted only in specialty care assisted living facilities.</p> <p>5. Exit doors swinging outward shall swing out over a landing having a minimum length and width equal to the door's width at the same level as the floor level, except existing doors shall not have more than a four inch step down. Exit doors of Family facilities may swing inward.</p> <p>(m) Ventilation. The building shall be well-ventilated at all times to prevent accumulation of objectionable odors. Kitchens, laundries, service rooms, toilets, and bathrooms shall be ventilated by windows, gravity vents, or mechanical means as necessary to prevent offensive odors from entering other parts of the facility.</p>	A1203		

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A1203	<p>Continued From page 15</p> <p>(n) Fire Extinguishers. Fire extinguishers shall be provided for each hall, kitchen, and laundry, of type and capacity appropriate to the need.</p> <p>1. Each fire extinguisher shall receive an annual inspection with maintenance, and recharging when necessary, by a fire equipment servicing representative. An annual servicing tag shall be attached to the extinguisher reflecting the name of the servicing company, representative, day, month, and year of maintenance.</p> <p>2. A visual inspection of each fire extinguisher shall be conducted monthly by designated staff of the facility and documented on the attached extinguisher tag by the designated staff person.</p> <p>(o) Call System. Except in Family facilities, a central electric or electronic call system shall be conveniently provided for each resident, usable in bedrooms and bathrooms. The call system shall be certified to meet the applicable Underwriters Laboratories standard.</p> <p>(p) Manufactured homes/mobile homes are not permitted.</p> <p>(q) Fireplaces and inserts, shall be inspected and cleaned annually, and shall comply with the currently adopted building code. Openings shall be protected with screens, or doors.</p> <p>(r) Exit marking. In Group and Congregate facilities, a sign bearing the word "EXIT" in plain legible block letters shall be placed at each exit. Additional signs shall be</p>	A1203		

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A1203	<p>Continued From page 16</p> <p>placed in corridors and passageways wherever necessary to indicate the direction of exit. Letters of signs shall be at least four inches high. All exit and directional signs shall be kept clearly legible by continuous internal electric illumination and have battery back-up or emergency power.</p> <p>(s) Heating, Lighting, and other Service Equipment.</p> <p>1. Central or individual room gas heating systems shall be of the enclosed flame type equipped with automatic flame shut-off control and shall be vented directly to the outside. Heating units of any type shall be located to avoid direct contact with any combustible material and shall be maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendation.</p> <p>2. Open flame and portable heaters are prohibited in assisted living facilities. This does not apply to a fire place with gas logs protected as noted elsewhere in these rules.</p> <p>3. Lighting shall be restricted to electricity. Electric wiring, motors, and other electrical equipment in all assisted living facilities shall be in accordance with local electrical codes and the NFPA National Electrical Code.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the facility failed to visually inspect fire extinguishers monthly.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>During the kitchen tour on June 5, 2024, at</p>	A1203		

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A1203	<p>Continued From page 17</p> <p>approximately 8:00 AM, the surveyor and EI#5 observed the following. The fire extinguisher located in the kitchen was not visually inspected for the month of May 2024. All other months in 2024, the fire extinguisher was visually inspected. On June 5, 2024, during the exit interview, the surveyor advised EI#1 of the findings and she agreed with surveyor.</p> <p>TROY BLACK, REGISTERED NURSE</p>	A1203		