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E 0000 Bldg. --	<p>An Emergency Preparedness Survey was conducted by the Indiana Department of Health in accordance with 42 CFR 483.73.</p> <p>Survey Date: 01/10/23</p> <p>Facility Number: 000078 Provider Number: 155158 AIM Number: 100289310</p> <p>At this Emergency Preparedness survey, Life Care Center of the Willows, was found in compliance with Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers, 42 CFR 483.73</p> <p>The facility has 100 certified beds. At the time of the survey, the census was 59.</p> <p>Quality Review completed on 01/11/23</p>			E 0000	<p>The facility requests that this plan of correction be considered its credible allegations of compliance. Submission of this response and Plan of Correction is not a legal admission that a deficiency exists or that this statement of deficiency was correctly cited and is also not to be construed as an admission of interest against the facility, the Administrator, or any employee, agents, or other individuals who draft or may be discussed in the response and Plan of Correction. In addition, preparation and submission of the Plan of Correction does not constitute an admission or agreement of any kind by the facility of the truth of any facts alleged or the corrections of a conclusion set forth in this allegation by the survey agency. Accordingly, the facility has prepared and submitted this Plan of Correction prior to the resolution of Appeal of this matter solely because of the requirements under State and Federal law that mandates submission of the Plan of Corrections a condition to participate in the Title 18 and Title 19 programs. The submission of Plan of Correction within this timeframe should in no way be of non-compliance or admission by</p>		

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

(X6) DATE

Tami Adams

Executive Director

01/24/2023

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (see instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosed days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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K 0000 Bldg. 01	<p>A Life Safety Code Recertification and State Licensure Survey was conducted by the Indiana Department of Health in accordance with 42 CFR 483.90(a).</p> <p>Survey Date: 01/10/23</p> <p>Facility Number: 000078 Provider Number: 155158 AIM Number: 100289310</p> <p>At this Life Safety Code survey, Life Care Center of the Willows was found not in compliance with Requirements for Participation in Medicare/Medicaid, 42 CFR Subpart 483.90(a), Life Safety from Fire and the 2012 edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101, Life Safety Code (LSC), Chapter 19, Existing Health Care Occupancies and 410 IAC 16.2.</p> <p>This one-story facility was verified to be of Type II (111) construction and was fully sprinklered. The facility has a fire alarm system with hard wired smoke detection in corridors and areas open to the corridors. Resident rooms are equipped with battery operated smoke detectors. The facility is fully protected by a 230 kW diesel-powered emergency generator. The facility has the capacity for 100 and had a census of 59 at the time of this survey.</p>			K 0000	<p>the facility. This facility respectfully requests consideration of paper compliance for the cited deficiencies</p> <p>The facility requests that this plan of correction be considered its credible allegations of compliance. Submission of this response and Plan of Correction is not a legal admission that a deficiency exists or that this statement of deficiency was correctly cited and is also not to be construed as an admission of interest against the facility, the Administrator, or any employee, agents, or other individuals who draft or may be discussed in the response and Plan of Correction. In addition, preparation and submission of the Plan of Correction does not constitute an admission or agreement of any kind by the facility of the truth of any facts alleged or the corrections of a conclusion set forth in this allegation by the survey agency. Accordingly, the facility has prepared and submitted this Plan of Correction prior to the resolution of Appeal of this matter solely because of the requirements under State and Federal law that mandates submission of the Plan of</p>		

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K 0345 SS=F Bldg. 01	<p>All areas where the residents have customary access were sprinklered. All areas providing facility services were sprinklered.</p> <p>Quality Review completed on 01/11/23</p> <p>NFPA 101 Fire Alarm System - Testing and Maintenance Fire Alarm System - Testing and Maintenance A fire alarm system is tested and maintained in accordance with an approved program complying with the requirements of NFPA 70, National Electric Code, and NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code. Records of system acceptance, maintenance and testing are readily available. 9.6.1.3, 9.6.1.5, NFPA 70, NFPA 72 Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure 1 of 1 fire alarm systems was maintained in accordance with LSC 9.6.1.3. LSC 9.6.1.3 requires a fire alarm system to be installed, tested, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 70, National Electrical Code and NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code. NFPA 72, Section 14.4.5 states unless otherwise permitted by other sections of this Code, testing shall be performed in accordance with the schedules in Table 14.4.5, or more often if required by the authority having jurisdiction. NFPA 72, Section 14.4.5.3.1 states smoke detector sensitivity shall be checked within 1 year after installation. NFPA 72, 14.4.5.3.2 states smoke detector sensitivity shall be checked every</p>			K 0345	<p>Corrections a condition to participate in the Title 18 and Title 19 programs. The submission of Plan of Correction within this timeframe should in no way be of non-compliance or admission by the facility. This facility respectfully requests consideration of paper compliance for the cited deficiencies</p> <p>1. What corrective action(s) will be accomplished for K345 to have been found deficient? The report for the sensitivity testing on the fire alarm system was found to be deficient because the report was not available at the time of inspection. Report attached at this time.</p> <p>2. How will you identify K345 having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice and what corrective action will be taken?</p>		01/26/2023

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K 0353 SS=C Bldg. 01	<p>alternate year thereafter unless otherwise permitted by compliance with Section 14.4.5.3.3. This deficient practice could affect all occupants.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Based on record review with the Maintenance Director on 01/10/23 at 12:40 p.m., no documentation for a smoke detector sensitivity test was available for review within the last 24 months. The annual fire alarm testing dated 01/17/22 indicated the last sensitivity testing was 07/28/20. Based on interview at the time of record review, the Maintenance Director confirmed smoke detector sensitivity testing documentation within the last 24 months was not available for review at the time of the survey.</p> <p>This finding was reviewed with the Maintenance Director at the exit conference.</p> <p>3.1-19(b)</p> <p>NFPA 101 Sprinkler System - Maintenance and Testing Sprinkler System - Maintenance and Testing Automatic sprinkler and standpipe systems are inspected, tested, and maintained in</p>				<p>The sensitivity report was found and is submitted to the plan of correction. Detail reports will be kept on file when sensitivity testing is completed.</p> <p>3. What measures will be put into place or what systemic changes will you make to ensure that the deficiency does not recur? The monthly inspection of vendor schedule testing will be put into place to ensure that the deficiency does not recur.</p> <p>4. How will the corrective action(s) be monitored to ensure the deficient practice will not recur, i.e., what quality assurance program will be put into place including time frames and person(s) responsible? QA program will be put into place to ensure that testing is done bi-yearly per manufacturer's instructions. The Director of Maintenance will submit audits monthly to the Executive Director to be reviewed at safety committee and QA for a period of 6 months to ensure 100% compliance.</p>		

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	<p>accordance with NFPA 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintaining of Water-based Fire Protection Systems. Records of system design, maintenance, inspection and testing are maintained in a secure location and readily available.</p> <p>a) Date sprinkler system last checked</p> <p>b) Who provided system test</p> <p>c) Water system supply source</p> <p>Provide in REMARKS information on coverage for any non-required or partial automatic sprinkler system.</p> <p>9.7.5, 9.7.7, 9.7.8, and NFPA 25</p> <p>Based on observation and interview, the facility failed to ensure 1 of 1 sprinkler systems were provided with spare sprinklers, a spare sprinkler cabinet and a sprinkler wrench on the premises. NFPA 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, 2011 Edition, Section 5.4.1.4 states a supply of spare sprinklers shall be maintained on the premises so that any sprinklers that have been operated or damaged in any way can be promptly replaced. The sprinklers shall correspond to the types and temperature ratings of the sprinklers on the property. The sprinklers shall be kept in a cabinet located where the temperature in which they are subjected will at no time exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit. A special sprinkler wrench shall be provided and kept in the cabinet to be used in the removal and installation of sprinklers. This deficient practice could affect all residents and staff in the facility.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Based on observations during a tour of the facility</p>			K 0353	<p>1. What corrective action(s) will be accomplished for K353 to have been found deficient? A box to contain the excess sprinkler heads has been purchased and installed.</p> <p>2. How will you identify K353 having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice and what corrective action will be taken? The sprinkler head storage box(es) will be monitored to ensure that excess sprinkler heads do not exceed the number of spaces available.</p> <p>3. What measures will be put into place or what systemic changes will you make to ensure that the deficiency does not recur? The monthly inspection schedule</p>		01/26/2023

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K 0511 SS=E Bldg. 01	<p>with the Maintenance Director on 01/10/23 at 2:25 p.m., there were 18 spare sprinkler heads in the spare sprinkler head cabinet; 12 of which were in their own protected slot. Furthermore, six sprinkler heads were stored loose in the cabinet and not secured in a holder. Based on interview at the time of the observation, the Maintenance Director agreed the spare sprinkler cabinet had six spare sprinklers not in a protected slot.</p> <p>This finding was reviewed with the Maintenance Director at the exit conference.</p> <p>3.1-19(b)</p>			K 0511	<p>will be revised to ensure that the deficiency does not recur. This will be added to the TELS preventative maintenance program</p> <p>4. How will the corrective action(s) be monitored to ensure the deficient practice will not recur, i.e., what quality assurance program will be put into place including time frames and person(s) responsible?</p> <p>QA program will be put into place to ensure that inspection is done Monthly. The Director of Maintenance will submit audits monthly to the Executive Director to be reviewed at safety committee and QA for a period of 6 months to ensure 100% compliance.</p>		01/26/2023
	<p>NFPA 101 Utilities - Gas and Electric Utilities - Gas and Electric Equipment using gas or related gas piping complies with NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code, electrical wiring and equipment complies with NFPA 70, National Electric Code. Existing installations can continue in service provided no hazard to life. 18.5.1.1, 19.5.1.1, 9.1.1, 9.1.2 Based on observation, the facility failed to ensure 1 of 1 electrical junction boxes observed were maintained in a safe operating condition. LSC 19.5.1.1 requires utilities comply with Section 9.1. LSC 9.1.2 requires electrical wiring and equipment to comply with NFPA 70, National Electrical Code.</p>				<p>1. What corrective action(s) will be accomplished for K511 to have been found deficient?</p> <p>The junction box missing its cover has been corrected by installing a new blank cover.</p>		

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	<p>NFPA 70, 2011 Edition, Article 314.28(3) (c) states junction boxes shall be provided with covers compatible with the box and suitable for the conditions of use. Where used, metal covers shall comply with the grounding requirements of 250.110. This deficient practice could affect over 10 residents, staff and visitors in the dining room.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Based on observation with the Maintenance Director during a tour of the facility from 1:45 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. on 01/10/23, an electrical junction box without a cover and with exposed electrical wiring was noted on the ceiling of the sprinkler riser room, which is located in the main dining room. Based on interview at the time of the observation, the Maintenance Director confirmed the electrical junction box did not have a cover and electrical wiring was exposed.</p> <p>This finding was reviewed with the Maintenance Director at the exit conference.</p> <p>3.1-19(b)</p>				<p>2. How will you identify K511 having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice and what corrective action will be taken? All areas of the building will be inspected weekly to ensure that junction box covers are not missing.</p> <p>3. What measures will be put into place or what systemic changes will you make to ensure that the deficiency does not recur? The weekly inspection schedule will be revised to ensure that the deficiency does not recur in the TEL's preventative maintenance program</p> <p>4. How will the corrective action(s) be monitored to ensure the deficient practice will not recur, i.e., what quality assurance program will be put into place including time frames and person(s) responsible? QA program will be put into place to ensure that testing is done weekly. The Director of Maintenance will submit audits monthly to the Executive Director to be reviewed at safety committee and QA for a period of 6 months to ensure 100% compliance.</p>		

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K 0920 SS=D Bldg. 01	<p>NFPA 101 Electrical Equipment - Power Cords and Extens Electrical Equipment - Power Cords and Extension Cords Power strips in a patient care vicinity are only used for components of movable patient-care-related electrical equipment (PCREE) assemblies that have been assembled by qualified personnel and meet the conditions of 10.2.3.6. Power strips in the patient care vicinity may not be used for non-PCREE (e.g., personal electronics), except in long-term care resident rooms that do not use PCREE. Power strips for PCREE meet UL 1363A or UL 60601-1. Power strips for non-PCREE in the patient care rooms (outside of vicinity) meet UL 1363. In non-patient care rooms, power strips meet other UL standards. All power strips are used with general precautions. Extension cords are not used as a substitute for fixed wiring of a structure. Extension cords used temporarily are removed immediately upon completion of the purpose for which it was installed and meets the conditions of 10.2.4. 10.2.3.6 (NFPA 99), 10.2.4 (NFPA 99), 400-8 (NFPA 70), 590.3(D) (NFPA 70), TIA 12-5 Based on observation and interview, the facility failed to ensure a power strip was not used as a substitute for fixed wiring in 1 of 1 staff Dietary Office. LSC 19.5.1 requires utilities to comply with Section 9.1. LSC 9.1.2 requires electrical wiring and equipment to comply with NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, 2011 Edition. NFPA 70, Article 400.8 requires that, unless specifically permitted, flexible cords and cables shall not be used as a substitute for fixed wiring of a structure. This deficient practice could affect staff only.</p>			K 0920	<p>1. What corrective action(s) will be accomplished for K20 to have been found deficient? The power strip found in the office has been removed and the power cords redistributed to power outlets in the wall.</p> <p>2. How will you identify K920 having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice and what corrective</p>		01/26/2023

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	<p>Findings include:</p> <p>Based on observation on 01/10/23 at 1:50 p.m. during a tour of the facility with the Maintenance Director, there was a single serve coffee maker plugged into a power strip in the Executive Director's office. Based on interview at the time of observation, the Maintenance Director confirmed the use of the power strip in the Executive Director's office.</p> <p>This finding was reviewed with the Maintenance Director during the exit conference.</p> <p>3.1-19(b)</p>				<p>action will be taken?</p> <p>All areas of the building will be inspected weekly to eliminate the use of power strips.</p> <p>3. What measures will be put into place or what systemic changes will you make to ensure that the deficiency does not recur?</p> <p>A facility audit was completed with no further issues found. A weekly inspection schedule will be revised to ensure that the deficiency does not recur. This will be monitored in the TEL's preventative Maintenance program. Staff re-educated to not using power stripes in the facility.</p> <p>4. How will the corrective action(s) be monitored to ensure the deficient practice will not recur, i.e., what quality assurance program will be put into place including time frames and person(s) responsible?</p> <p>QA program will be put into place to ensure that the deficient practice does not recur. The Director of Maintenance will submit audits monthly to the Executive Director to be reviewed at safety committee and QA for a period of 6 months to ensure 100% compliance.</p>		