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**2016**



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
DIVISION OF HEALTH SYSTEMS REGULATION

DHSR #13a

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LICENSING INSPECTION REPORT

Name and Address of Entity

Signature of DHSR Staff

Maplewood at Darien  
599 Barton Post Road  
Darien, CT 06820

Michel J. Smith Nurse Counselor

Licensure Category:

Assisted Living Services

Licensed Capacity : \_\_\_\_\_

Census : \_\_\_\_\_

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Census : \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Onsite Inspection : 7/25/16 + 7/26/16

Date(s) Additional Information Obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel Contacted: Kim Russo, RN, JAWA ; Jackie Mazurkiewicz  
Ex. Director

REVIEW/FINDINGS/PROCESS (complete all applicable)

☐ Licensing Inspection: ☐ Initial ☒ Renewal ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Revisit for the Purpose of \_\_\_\_\_

☒ See Complaint Investigation # CT 0019332

☐ See Reportable Event Investigation # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ See Certification file.

☒ Violations of the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut and/or Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies were identified at the time of this inspection.

See violation letter dated September 15, 2017

☐ Citation # \_\_\_\_\_ was issued to this facility as a result of this inspection.

☐ Violations of the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut and/or Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies were not identified at the time of this inspection.

☐ Citation # \_\_\_\_\_ was verified as corrected. \_\_\_\_\_ was notified that the licensee was no longer required to post Citation (see narrative).

☐ Citation # \_\_\_\_\_ was not corrected (see narrative).

☒ Narrative Report / Additional Information Attached.

☐ Referral(s) to: \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT SUBMITTED BY Michel J. Smith

DATE OF REPORT 7-26-16

☐ Approval for Issuance of License granted by : Loan O'Rourke 12-9-16  
Supervisor / Title Date



ENTITY: Maplewood of Darien

DATE(S) OF VISIT: 7/25 + 7/26/16

LICENSING INSPECTION NARRATIVE REPORT

Number of ALSA clients: 70 23 Dementia

Number of home visits: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of records reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

SALSA: Kim Russo RN

SALSA Designee: Rose Casimir RN

Home health care contracts/contracts: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Analytic Home Care

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Managed Residential Community visited: Maplewood Darien

Service Coordinator: Jacki Mazurowski

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Policy review was done relative to record reviews and/or violations cited as appropriate.

SIGNATURE: Michael J. Smith RN



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### Healthcare Quality And Safety Branch

September 15, 2017

Kim Russo, Supervisor of Assisted Living Services Agency  
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599 Boston Post Road  
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Dear Ms. Russo:

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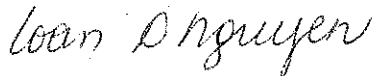




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October 3, 2017

By Email to Loan.Nguyen@ct.gov

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Re: Maplewood at Darien ALSA, LLC

Dear Ms. Nguyen:

This letter is in response to your letter dated September 15, 2017, regarding Maplewood at Darien ALSA, LLC, the provider of assisted living services at Maplewood at Darien, an assisted living community located in Darien Connecticut. This letter does not constitute an admission that the law has been violated as alleged in the letter, that the facts as alleged in the letter are true, or of any other wrong doing. Rather, this letter is set forth as a comprehensive Plan of Correction for the following alleged violations of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and/or the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut which were noted during unannounced visits by a representative of the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Facility Licensing and Investigations Section on July 25, 2016 and July 26, 2016.

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**A. Measures to Prevent Recurrence:**

1. **Mechanical Lift Policy:** The Mechanical Lift Policy then in effect was updated in September 2017 in regards to what steps should be taken when a Mechanical Lift related injury occurs. A copy of the updated policy, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, provides clear instructions regarding general practice.

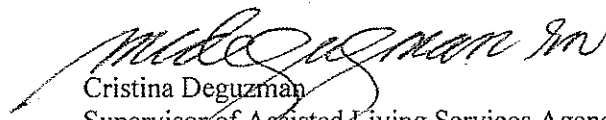
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of correction will be the Supervisor of Assisted Living Services Agency at Maplewood at Darien.

  
Cristina Deguzman  
Supervisor of Assisted Living Services Agency  
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Enclosure

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**Title:** Mechanical Lift Policy

**Standard:** Residents who require more than a two (2) person assist due to a non-weight bearing status, generalized weakness, or for generalized obesity may require a mechanical lift, such as a Hoyer Lift or a Sit to Stand Lift. All other forms of transferring must be tried before resorting to a mechanical lift. A physical therapist consult must have occurred before a mechanical lift is utilized. A medical provider order is required.

**Practice:** Hoyer Lift:

1. A physician order must be obtained for such transfer device.
2. All staff must have completed an in-service before operating the Hoyer Lift.
3. There will be a minimum of two (2) people to operate such device. One person to operate the hydraulics, and one person to support the head, back and feet region.
4. Emergency communication systems, such as hand held radios and telephone, will be in the possession of the nurse aides while in the room. During day and evening hours the hand held radios, and during nights hand held radios and the telephone, will be in the possession of the nurse aides.
5. **Transfer from bed to wheelchair:**
  - Secure the wheelchair a safe distance from the bed and the Hoyer Lift.
  - Lock the wheelchair wheels.
    - All staff check to see that wheels are locked and communicate "Wheelchair wheels are locked."
  - Expand the base of the Hoyer Lift, if applicable.
  - All staff communicate "Hoyer base expanded."
  - Lock the Hoyer Lift wheels, if applicable.
    - All staff communicate "Hoyer wheels locked".
  - Utilize the color-coded system for the transfer harness. All four (4) points of the harness must be the same color while attaching to the Hoyer Lift frame. If you utilize different colors, the resident could become unstable and the weight can shift. ALL COLORS MUST BE THE SAME.
    - All staff communicate "All colors are \_\_\_\_\_".
  - Secure the resident in harness on the bed.
  - All staff state "transfer in progress."
  - Once the transfer is to be made, the hydraulics lock knob on the front of the Hoyer Lift is turned clockwise to the right. The operator of the Hoyer Lift begins to depress the hydraulic lever.
  - One person supports the head, and one person supports the leg and back



region for safe transfer to the wheelchair.

- Once safely in the wheelchair, the operator turns the hydraulics counter-clockwise to the left, SLOWLY, lowering resident to wheelchair.
- The harness can remain under the resident while in the wheelchair. Please make sure that you tuck in as much as possible the transfer harness while in the wheelchair.

6. **Transfer from wheelchair to bed:**

- Secure the wheelchair a safe distance from the bed and the Hoyer Lift.
- Lock the wheelchair wheels if applicable.
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- One person supports the head, and one person supports the leg and back region for safe transfer to the bed.
- While safely over the bed, the operator turns the hydraulics lock counterclockwise to the left, SLOWLY, gently lowering the resident.
- Remove the harness after the resident has been safely placed in bed using a logroll technique.

**Sit to Stand Lift:**

- A physician order must be obtained for such device.
- All staff must have completed in-service before operating this device. The in-service shall be completed by PT/OT.
- There will be a minimum of two (2) staff persons to operate such device.
- Emergency communications such as hand held radios and telephone shall be present.
- The sling is placed by one staff person under the resident arms and around



the resident's back.

- The resident's knees are placed against the knee pad.
- The resident's feet are placed on the foot pad.
- The resident's hands are placed on the frame of the mechanical lift.
- One staff member engages the mechanical lift while the other staff member ensures resident position and safety during transfer.

**Mechanical Lift Transfer Related Injuries**

- Any injury suffered by a resident during a mechanical lift transfer will require an immediate assessment by the RN to determine if the type of transfer is still the safest method to perform the task.
- Any identified changes in the resident's physical and mental abilities will be reported a nurse to the primary care physician who will determine whether the resident is to be referred to a licensed home health care agency for PT/OT evaluation.
- The RN will update the Resident Care Plan to reflect any recommendations made by the licensed home health care agency, as well as any nursing interventions.
- During every shift stand-up meeting, the RSAs will be updated of any changes to the Resident Care Plan. All such changes will be documented in the applicable Resident Task Log.

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**Title:** Change of Condition

**Standard:** Change of condition may occur anytime when a resident demonstrates a change in his/her level of care. This change of condition occurs anytime when a resident has an improved level of care or a decreased level of care. The RN shall make a judgment determination as to what is considered a change in condition versus a no change in condition. Examples of changes in condition include, but not limited to, inpatient hospitalization, fractures, hematomas, change in mental status, change in physical status, change in emotional status, change in respiratory, endocrine such as high blood sugars or low blood sugars, change in cardiac, change in neurologic, change in ocular, change in otolaryngology, change in auditory, change in integumentary (skin) such as ulcers, change in gastro- intestinal, change in genito-urinary, change in pain status, and change in infection status.

**Practice:** The RN nurse shall determine whether or not a change of condition has occurred. This determination shall be based on factors including, but not limited to, a resident's history, a resident's baseline, diagnoses, presenting signs and symptoms, any risk based assessments such as falls, medications, elopement, discussion with a physician, discussion with family members (POA), discussion with staff, vital signs, and any other evidence. Essentially, the RN will base a determination of whether a change of condition has occurred on his/her clinical judgment.

**No Change in Condition:**

- No change has occurred
- Documentation in progress notes
- Telephone discussion with family
- Telephone discussion with medical provider, if necessary. The nurse shall determine if the call is necessary.

**Change of Condition:**

Medical Emergency/Requiring Emergency Medical Services and Hospitalization  
Immediately

**Nurse on Duty:**

- If there is an emergency occurring, and if an LPN (but no RN) is on the premises, the LPN shall enlist the services of 911. The LPN shall call the on-call RN who may assist the LPN and the first responders. Once EMS arrives, EMS shall take control and custody of the medical emergency.
  - The LPN nurse shall notify the family (POA) of the medical emergency.
  - The LPN nurse shall notify the physician.
  - Appropriate documentation in the progress notes.
  - Appropriate documentation for accident and incident reports, if necessary.
  - Upon return from the hospital a full assessment and service plan shall be performed by the RN.



- If an RN is on duty, the RN shall notify EMS, the family (POA) and the physician.
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Changes of Condition not deemed a medical emergency when RN is on the premises

- For cases other than emergencies the RN shall assess as to whether there is a change of condition.
- The assessment process shall include, but not be limited to, a resident's history, diagnoses, presenting signs and symptoms, any risk based assessments such as falls, medications, elopement, discussion with a physician, discussion with family members (POA), discussion with staff, vital signs, and any other presenting evidence. Essentially, the RN will categorize the change of condition on his/her clinical judgment.
- From the RN's judgment, a full assessment shall be performed and signed by an RN within 24 hours.
- A service plan is created and signed by Resident/POA, RN, Physician, and Executive Director.
- Assisted Living Aide (ALA) supervisions created and signed off by an RN.
- Revised instructions (introductory visit form) are created and signed off by an RN. These revised instructions are for informing and updating the nurse aides.
- Depending upon the resident's clinical condition, homecare for skilled nursing, PT, OT, and/or speech therapy shall be provided, if necessary.
- Consultation with the physician, if necessary.
- Consultation with the pharmacy, if necessary.
- Consultation with a skilled nursing facility, if necessary.

Changes of Condition not deemed a medical emergency when RN is not on the premises

- For cases other than emergencies the LPN shall contact the on-call RN to determine whether a change of condition occurred. The LPN shall collect information and assist the RN.
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  - Consultation with an ophthalmologist, if necessary.
  - Consultation with the pharmacy, if necessary.
  - Consultation with a skilled nursing facility, if necessary.
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- In the event the primary care physician or the on call physician is not reachable and a voicemail message is the only form of communication regarding the residents clinical condition, a repeat attempt to contact the physician must be documented within a 24 hour time period.

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