

Mississippi State Department of Health

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTIONS		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:		(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING B. WING		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/20/2026	
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER AURORA HEALTH AND REHABILITATION				STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 310 EMERALD DRIVE , COLUMBUS, Mississippi, 39702			
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M0000	Initial Comments The State Agency (SA) conducted two (2) Complaint Investigations (CI MS# 2962385 and CI MS# 3005053) at the facility from 5/19/26 through 5/20/26. Although the facility was not cited directly related to the complaints, the SA determined that the facility was not in compliance with the requirements of the Mississippi Regulations for Minimum Standards for Institutions for the Aged or Infirm and the facility was cited for deficient practices related to M 500 Resident Rights. Census at the time of the survey was 87 with a bed capacity of 120 beds.		M0000				
M0500	45.17.2 Residents' Rights Residents' Rights. The residents' rights policies and procedures ensure that each resident admitted to the facility: 1. is fully informed, as evidenced by the resident's written acknowledgment, prior to or at the time of admission and during stay, of these rights and is given a statement of the facility's rules and regulations and an explanation of the resident's responsibility to obey all reasonable regulations of the facility and to respect the personal rights and private property of other residents; 2. is fully informed, and is given a written statement prior to or at time of admission and during stay, of services available in the facility, and of related charges including any charges for services covered by the facility's basic per diem rate; 3. is assured of adequate and appropriate medical care, is fully informed by a physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant of his medical conditions unless medically contraindicated (as documented by a physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant in his medical record), is afforded the opportunity to participate in the planning of his medical treatment, to not be limited in his/her choice of a pharmacy or pharmacist provider in accordance with state law, as		M0500				

Office of Primary Care and Health Systems Management

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE		TITLE	(X6) DATE
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M0500	Continued from page 1 referenced in House Bill 1439, which states that the facility shall not limit a resident ' s choice of pharmacy or pharmacy provider if that provider meets the same standards of dispensing guidelines required of long term care facilities, to refuse to participate in experimental research, and to refuse medication and treatment after fully informed of and understanding the consequences of such action; 4. is transferred or discharged only for medical reasons, or for his welfare or that of other residents, or for nonpayment for his stay (except as prohibited by sources of third-party payment), and is given a two weeks advance notice in writing to ensure orderly transfer or discharge. A copy of this notice is maintained in his medical record; 5. is encouraged and assisted, throughout his period of stay, to exercise his rights as a resident and as a citizen, and to this end may voice grievances, has a right of action for damages or other relief for deprivations or infringements of his right to adequate and proper treatment and care established by an applicable statute, rule, regulation or contract, and to recommend changes in policies and services to facility staff and/or to outside representatives of his choice, free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal; 6. may manage his personal financial affairs, or is given at least a quarterly accounting of financial transactions made on his behalf should the facility accept his written delegation of this responsibility to the facility for any period of time in conformance with State law; 7. is free from mental and physical abuse; 8. is free from restraint except by order of a physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant, or unless it is determined that the resident is a threat to himself or to others. Physical and chemical restraints shall be used for medical conditions that warrant the use of a restraint. Restraint is not to be used for discipline or staff convenience. The facility must have policies and procedures addressing the use and monitoring of restraint. A physician order for restraint must be countersigned within 24 hours of the emergency application of the restraint; 9. is assured security in storing personal possessions and confidential treatment of his	M0500					

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M0500	Continued from page 2 personal and medical records, and may approve or refuse their release to any individual outside the facility, except, in the case of his transfer to another health care institution, or as required by law of third-party payment contract; 10. is treated with consideration, respect, and full recognition of his dignity and individuality, including privacy in treatment and in care for his personal needs; 11. is not required to perform services for the facility that are not included for therapeutic purposes in his plan of care; 12. may associate and communicate privately with persons of his choice, may join with other residents or individuals within or outside of the facility to work for improvements in resident care, and send and receive his personal mail unopened, unless medically contraindicated (as documented by his physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant in his medical record); 13. may meet with, and participate in activities of, social, religious and community groups at his discretion, unless medically contraindicated (as documented by his physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant in his medical record); 14. may retain and use his personal clothing and possessions as space permits, unless to do so would infringe upon rights of other residents, unless medically contraindicated (as documented by his physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant in his medical record); 15. if married, is assured privacy for visits by his/her spouse; if both are inpatients in the facility, they are permitted to share a room, unless medically contraindicated (as documented by the attending physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant in the medical record); and 16. is assured of exercising his civil and religious liberties including the right to independent personal decisions and knowledge of available choice. The facility shall encourage and assist in the fullest	M0500					

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M0500	Continued from page 3 exercise of these rights. This LICENSURE REQUIREMENT is NOT MET as evidenced by: Level II Based on record review, staff interview and facility policy review, the facility failed to ensure residents were treated with respect and dignity when a staff member spoke rudely and in a disrespectful manner to one (1) of three (3) residents reviewed. Findings included: Record review of the facility policy titled, "Resident Rights," revealed "Standard, Employees shall treat all residents with kindness, respect and dignity..." Record review of "Grievance/Concern/Comment Report" dated 1/29/26, revealed that Resident #2's family reported that Certified Nursing Assistant #1 (CNA) "talked down" to the resident and overheard CNA #1 state to the resident "I told you that I was coming back to change you!" An interview with the Social Services Director (SSD) on 5/20/26 at 8:35 AM, he stated he made a follow-up call to check on the resident after discharge and received report from the family that CNA #1 had "talked down" to the resident on the day of discharge. He stated he immediately reported the incident to the Director of Nursing (DON). An interview with the Administrator on 5/20/26 at 8:40 AM, she verified that the facility investigated the report and found that CNA #1 did not provide good customer service to Resident #2. The Administrator further verified that this meant that the CNA did not treat the resident with dignity and respect. She agreed that the resident should have been treated with dignity and respect. Record review of the "Admission Record" revealed the facility admitted Resident #2 on 10/10/25 with diagnosis that included Acute Respiratory Failure and discharged the resident home on 1/18/26.	M0500					