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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: HAL046004	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: 01 B. WING _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 02/09/2017
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C 000	Initial Comments Report of Construction Section Biennial Survey by Dennis Harrell on 2-9-2017: Records indicate this facility was first licensed on 11-26-1997, as a HA for 60 Beds. Therefore the facility was surveyed for conformance with the applicable portions of the 2005 Rules for Licensing of Adult Care Homes of Seven or More Beds and applicable portions of the 1996 (1997 Revision) Edition of the North Carolina Building Code(s), Institutional Occupancy, and the 1996 Minimum Standards and Regulations for Homes for the Aged in effect at time of initial licensure.	C 000		
C 150	Corridors-Free of equipment and Obstructions SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0305 PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT (g) The requirements for corridors are: (4) Corridors shall be free of all equipment and other obstructions. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, the corridor was not maintained free of obstructions. Findings include: a. There was a wheelchair and a soiled linen cart stored in the corridor near room 307 reducing the clear width to about 5 feet. b. There were chairs almost completely blocking the path to the exit from the living room. c. The exit near room 311 was partially blocked by a walker.	C 150		
C 160	Outside Premises-Clean, Safe SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT	C 160		

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C 160	Continued From page 1 10A NCAC 13F .0305 PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT (m) The requirements for outside premises are: (1) The outside grounds of new and existing facilities shall be maintained in a clean and safe condition; This Rule is not met as evidenced by: There was a hole in the yard right beside the sidewalk near the riser room.	C 160		
C 166	Housekeeping-Maintained Free of Hazards SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0306 HOUSEKEEPING AND FURNISHINGS (a) Adult care homes shall: (5) be maintained in an uncluttered, clean and orderly manner, free of all obstructions and hazards; (e) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: 1. Based on observation, the waste trap for the hopper in the oxygen room had been allowed to become completely dry. Dry waste traps allow noxious, combustible odors and possibly harmful bacteria to enter the facility. 2. Based on observation, the facility was not maintained in a safe condition because of improper storage too close to a fire sprinkler head. Storage that is not kept at least 18 inches below the sprinkler head could negate the ability of the fire sprinkler system to extinguish a fire. Findings include; Pillows had been stacked to within 6 inches of the	C 166		

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C 166	Continued From page 2 ceiling in the linen closet. 3. Based on observation, the ice machine drain line was laying directly on the floor. Ice machine drain lines that are not maintained at least 2 inches above the floor or floor drain, as required by Code, could cause the ice to become contaminated.	C 166		
C 185	Fire Safety-Rehearsals on Each Shift SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0309 PLAN FOR EVACUATION (b) There shall be rehearsals of the fire plan quarterly on each shift in accordance with the requirement of the local Fire Prevention Code Enforcement Official. (c) Records of rehearsals shall be maintained and copies furnished to the county department of social services annually. The records shall include the date and time of the rehearsals, the shift, staff members present, and a short description of what the rehearsal involved. (f) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on a review of documents, the records available onsite included no description of what the rehearsal involved.	C 185		
C 189	Building Equipment Maintained Safe, Operating SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0311 OTHER REQUIREMENTS (a) The building and all fire safety, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing equipment in an adult	C 189		

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C 189	Continued From page 3 care home shall be maintained in a safe and operating condition. (k) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities with the exception of Paragraph (e) which shall not apply to existing facilities. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: 1. Based on observation, the fire alarm system was showing a "Trouble, Pull Station Kitchen" condition. Fire alarms in "Trouble" may fail to operate properly when needed. 2. Based on observation, smoke detector SD24 latched when tested with smoke but failed to activate the fire alarm system. Smoke detectors that are not operating properly could delay or prevent the activation of the fire alarm system in an actual fire. 3. Based on observation, the central emergency release switch for the Special (magnetic) Locking failed to unlock the exit from the dining room. Special Locking that does not operate as designed could delay or prevent an evacuation in an emergency. 4. Based on observation, the warning devices, "screamers," protecting the emergency release switches were not working at the exits from the dining room and near room 215. Malfunctioning warning devices could allow resident elopement. 5. Based on observation, the battery powered emergency light in the men's bathroom near room 303 would not work when tested. Battery powered emergency lights that will not work properly for at least 90 minutes could endanger the residents and staff.	C 189		

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C 189	Continued From page 4 6. Based on observation, several corridor doors are prevented from closing quickly and latching to resist the passage of fire and smoke. Corridor doors that do not close completely and latch present the possibility that a fire that begins in one space can quickly spread to the corridor and the remainder of the facility. Findings include; a. The one hour fire rated door to the large main laundry was held open with a permanent magnet. This fire rated door must be self-closing and must automatically latch when closed. b. The one hour fire rated door to housekeeping off the corridor was held open with a wedge. This fire rated door must be self-closing and must automatically latch when closed. c. The one hour fire rated door to housekeeping off the kitchen was prevented from closing and latching by shelves. This fire rated door must be self-closing and must automatically latch when closed. d. The doors to bedrooms 203, 210 and 403 would not latch when closed. e. The double doors to the living room would not latch when closed. The doors were not latching to the frame and to each other. 7. Based on observation the required one-hour fire rated walls and/or ceilings were compromised in locations. Holes and penetrations that are not sealed with materials approved for use in one-hour fire rated construction present the possibility that a fire that begins in one space can quickly spread to other areas of the facility. Findings include: a. Unsealed penetration in the ceiling of the Memory Care Manager's office, b. Unsealed penetration in the ceiling of the main electrical room, c. Exterior ceiling damaged at the porch near	C 189		

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C 189	Continued From page 5 room 215. d. Ceiling damaged in riser room, e. Holes in ceiling in riser room, f. Sprinkler escutcheons were missing or not tightly fitted to the ceiling in the kitchen, the linen closet and the corridor near room 303.	C 189		
C 190	Heating System SECTION .0300 - PHYSICAL PLANT 10A NCAC 13F .0311 OTHER REQUIREMENTS (b) There shall be a heating system sufficient to maintain 75 degrees F (24 degrees C) under winter design conditions. In addition, the following shall apply to heaters and cooking appliances. (1) Built-in electric heaters, if used, shall be installed or protected so as to avoid burn hazards to residents and room furnishings. (k) This Rule shall apply to new and existing facilities with the exception of Paragraph (e) which shall not apply to existing facilities. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation the facility failed to adhere to the prohibition of portable electric heaters. Portable electric heaters are a potential fire hazard and as such could effect all occupants of the facility. Finding includes: There was a portable electric heater found in the riser room.	C 190		