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C 000	Initial Comments The Adult Care Licensure Section conducted an annual survey on November 3-4, 2022.	C 000		
C 246	10A NCAC 13G .0902(b) Health Care 10A NCAC 13G .0902 Health Care (b) The facility shall assure referral and follow-up to meet the routine and acute health care needs of residents. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: TYPE B VIOLATION Based on observations, interviews, and record reviews, the facility failed to meet the acute health care needs for 1 of 3 residents (#2) sampled related to right ear pain and a referral to a specialist for evaluation. The findings are: Review of Resident #2's current FL-2 dated 03/17/22 revealed diagnoses included chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, coronary artery disease, gout, type 2 diabetes, schizophrenia, asthma, and tumor of right ear. Review of a nurse practitioner (NP) visit encounter for Resident #2 dated 03/17/22 revealed: -Review of an old FL-2 revealed Resident #2 had a history of tympanoplasty to the left ear a history of surgery on his right ear to remove a tumor. -There was no ear, nose, and throat (ENT) records available in Resident #2's record. -The resident complained of increased hearing loss in both ears on 03/17/22. -The NP's examination of Resident #2's right ear revealed visible scar tissue to the tympanic	C 246		

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membrane.
-The NP's examination of Resident #2's left ear revealed a tympanic membrane perforation.
-An "ENT referral to evaluate and treat as indicated".
-Follow-up in 2-3 months.

Review of a NP visit encounter for Resident #2 dated 06/23/22 revealed:
-Referral to ENT given at last visit.
-Resident #2 reported he had not yet been seen by ENT.
-There were no ENT records available in Resident #2's record.
-The resident complained of increased hearing loss in both ears on 06/23/22.
-A second "ENT referral to evaluate and treat as indicated".
-Follow-up in 2-3 months.

Interview with Resident #2 on 11/03/22 at 2:55pm revealed:
-He had not been to an ear doctor.
-He remembered it had "been a while" since he had been to an ear doctor for evaluation.
-He could not hear out of his right ear.
-His ear felt "stopped up all the time".
-The NP told him the Administrator was supposed to make an appointment for his ears to be evaluated by the ENT.
-His left ear was "stopped up too and drains", and "it's got infection".
-His right ear ached, was hurting a little bit now, and felt like the side of his head was sore.
-He could hear some out of the left ear.
-He told the Personal Care Aide (named PCA) about his ear.

Interview with the named PCA on 11/03/22 at 3:05pm revealed:

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C 246	Continued From page 2 -He knew Resident #2's ear was draining when the resident would put a cotton ball in his ear. -Resident #2 would say his ear drained when he laid down. -He talked to Resident #2 about his ear draining and having a cotton ball in his ear on 11/01/22. -He told Resident #2 it looked like the cotton ball was "down in his ear". -The only thing Resident #2 said to him was that his ear was draining. -He checked Resident #2's ears. -He "could only see a big hole, it looks clean in his ear canal". -When he checked Resident #2's ear, he pulled the ear lobe back and used a flashlight. -He had never transported Resident #2 to an ENT doctor. Interview with the Administrator on 11/03/22 at 12:45pm revealed: -She was responsible for reviewing physician visit repots. -She filed documents in the resident records. -She "probably" reviewed resident records every 2-3 months. -She only reviewed resident records if the Department of Social Services came to the facility and needed something from the record that she would have to find. Interviews with the Administrator on 11/03/22 at between 2:20pm and 3:04pm revealed: -She did not think Resident #2 had been to see the ENT doctor. -She could not recall the facility staff transporting Resident #2 to the ENT doctor. -If Resident #2 had been to the ENT doctor, either she or one of her staff would have transported the resident to the ENT doctor's office.	C 246		

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C 246	Continued From page 3 -She remembered Resident #2 going to the ENT doctor in 2019 after having ear surgery at a hospital. -She guessed she had overlooked the ENT referral for Resident #2. Telephone interview with the NP for Resident #2 on 11/04/22 at 8:55am revealed: -She did not have any knowledge of the ENT referral being completed. -The Administrator was responsible to follow the NP's order and schedule the ENT appointment. -Resident #2 has a history of having a tumor in the right ear and a perforated eardrum in the left ear. -The ENT doctor's appointment was needed. -She saw Resident #2 on 03/17/22 and the resident complained of ear pain. -She saw Resident #2 again on 06/23/22 and the resident was still complaining of ear pain and increased hearing loss in both ears. -Delayed treatment was not good. -Resident #2 required an evaluation from a specialist to provide additional treatment. -Without Resident #2 being evaluated, she did not know what the increased hearing loss was a result of. -She talked to the Administrator "extensively" in June 2022 and left the facility with the impression that the Administrator was going to follow up and get the ENT referral done. Interview with the Administrator on 11/04/22 at 11:15am revealed: -She had just finished scheduling an ENT appointment for Resident #2 at a local ENT office for 12/13/22. -The ENT doctor that Resident #2 used to attend was no longer in business.	C 246		

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C 246	Continued From page 4 The Administrator failed to schedule an ENT appointment, after two referral requests were made by the Nurse Practitioner for Resident #2, who had a history of a tumor removed from his right ear, complaints of pain, and increased hearing loss. This failure resulted in a delay of treatment and complaints of continued pain, increased hearing loss, and ear drainage which was detrimental to the health of Resident #2 and constitutes a Type B Violation. _____ The facility provided a plan of protection in accordance with G.S. 131D-34 on 11/04/22 for this violation. CORRECTION DATE FOR THIS TYPE B VIOLATION SHALL NOT EXCEED December 19, 2022.	C 246		