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E 000	Initial Comments A recertification survey conducted on 04/01/2024 found Nelson County Health System Care Center in compliance with the requirements of 483.73 Long-Term Care Facilities Emergency Preparedness.	E 000			

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K 000	INITIAL COMMENTS This survey used the 2012 edition of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, Chapter 19-Existing Health Care Occupancies and the 2012 edition of NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code in compliance with 42 CFR 483.70(a)(b). The findings that follow demonstrate noncompliance with these standards. The facility was located in a one-story building of Type II (000) construction with no basement. The building was equipped with a wet automatic fire sprinkler system designed to meet the requirements of NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems. A two-hour fire resistance rated barrier provided separation to a building attached to the north side of the nursing facility housing assisted living apartments.			K 000			
K 211 SS=F	Means of Egress - General CFR(s): NFPA 101 Means of Egress - General Aisles, passageways, corridors, exit discharges, exit locations, and accesses are in accordance with Chapter 7, and the means of egress is continuously maintained free of all obstructions to full use in case of emergency, unless modified by 18/19.2.2 through 18/19.2.11. 18.2.1, 19.2.1, 7.1.10.1 This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Openings required to have a fire protection rating by Table 8.3.4.2 shall be protected by approved, listed, labeled fire door assemblies and fire window assemblies and their accompanying hardware, including all frames,			K 211	1. The Fire Rated Doors will be inspected in accordance with the requirements and recorded in a revised Fire Door Inspection Report. 2. All Portions of the Facility have the		5/1/24

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K 211	Continued From page 1 closing devices, anchorage, and sills in accordance with the requirements of NFPA 80, Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives, except as otherwise specified in this code. 8.3.3.1. Fire-rated door assemblies shall be inspected and tested in accordance with NFPA 80, Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives. 7.2.1.15.2 The facility failed to inspect and test fire rated door assemblies throughout the facility. Review of documentation and interview with staff determined the most recent inspection of fire-rated doors occurred on 01/03/2023, exceeding one year from this survey. Failure to inspect and test fire rated door assemblies increases the risk of injury or death due to fire. The deficiency affected all fire rated door assemblies throughout the facility.	K 211	potential to be affected. 3. Nelson County Health System will set this up an on annual calendar. Weekly meetings will be conducted to review the schedule and compliance. 4. Weekly meetings will be conducted to ensure the deficient practice is being corrected and will not reoccur. 5. 5/1/2024		
K 291 SS=F	Emergency Lighting CFR(s): NFPA 101 Emergency Lighting Emergency lighting of at least 1-1/2-hour duration is provided automatically in accordance with 7.9. 18.2.9.1, 19.2.9.1 This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Testing of required emergency lighting systems shall be permitted to be conducted as follows: 1) Functional testing shall be conducted monthly,	K 291	1. Corrective action will be taken to conduct proper emergency lighting testing in accordance with the requirements and recorded in a revised Emergency Lighting	5/5/24	

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K 291	Continued From page 2 with a minimum of 3 weeks and a maximum of 5 weeks between tests, for not less than 30 seconds. 2) The test interval shall be permitted to be extended beyond 30 days with the approval of the authority having jurisdiction. 3) Functional testing shall be conducted annually for a minimum of 1½ hours if the emergency lighting system is battery powered. 4) The emergency lighting equipment shall be fully operational for the duration of the tests. 5) Written records of visual inspections and tests shall be kept by the owner for inspection by the authority having jurisdiction. 7.9.3.1.1 The facility failed to ensure the emergency lighting was in proper operating condition to provide 1½ hours of emergency illumination in the event of failure of normal lighting. Review of records indicated the facility failed to conduct monthly 30-second or a 90-minute annual test of the emergency battery back-up lights in the past year. Failure to provide emergency lighting as required increases the risk of death or injury due to fire. The deficiency affected all emergency battery back-up lights in the building.	K 291	Testing Report. 2. All Portions of the Facility have the potential to be affected. 3. Emergency lighting testing will be written down on a calendar. Weekly meetings will be conducted to review the schedule and compliance with 30-minute monthly test, 90-minute yearly regulations. 4. Weekly meetings will be conducted to ensure the deficient practice is being corrected and will not reoccur. 5. 5/5/2024		
K 345 SS=E	Fire Alarm System - Testing and Maintenance CFR(s): NFPA 101 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	K 345		5/1/24	

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K 345	Continued From page 3 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 This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Health care occupancies shall be provided with a fire alarm system in accordance with Section 9.6. 19.3.4.1 A fire alarm system required for life safety shall be installed, tested, and maintained in accordance with the applicable requirements of NFPA 70, National Electrical Code and NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code. 9.6.1.3. 2010 NFPA 72, 14.1.1 The facility failed to test the fire alarm system as required. Fire alarm system batteries shall be subjected to a load voltage test semiannually. NFPA 72, 14.4.2.2 item 5(e). Review of fire alarm system test records indicated the semiannual load voltage tests of the sealed lead acid batteries were not performed as required. A load voltage test of the fire alarm system batteries was done during the annual inspection by an outside company on 11/01/2023. No other documentation indicating a load voltage test of the fire alarm system batteries conducted in the past year was available. Failure to install, test and maintain the fire alarm system in accordance with NFPA 72 increases	K 345	1. The Fire Alarm System Batteries will be inspected in accordance with requirements and recorded in a revised Fire Alarm Battery Inspection Report. 2. All Portions of the Facility have the potential to be affected. 3. It will be written down on a calendar to check Fire Alarm System batteries monthly, along with semiannual load voltage tests of the sealed lead acid batteries. Weekly meetings will be conducted to ensure compliance. 4. Weekly meetings will be conducted to ensure compliance. 5. 5/1/2024		

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K 345	Continued From page 4 the risk of death or injury due to fire. This deficiency affected one (1) of two (2) required load voltage tests of the fire alarm batteries in the past year. The fire alarm system serves the entire facility.			K 345			
K 347 SS=F	Smoke Detection CFR(s): NFPA 101 Smoke Detection 2012 EXISTING Smoke detection systems are provided in spaces open to corridors as required by 19.3.6.1. 19.3.4.5.2 This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: The facility failed to ensure smoke detectors were installed, maintained, inspected and tested in accordance with NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code. Sensitivity testing of smoke detectors is to be completed for all smoke detectors during the first year in service, and the alternate year following. After the second required calibration test, if the detector has remained within its listed and marked sensitivity range, the length of time between calibration tests may be extended, not to exceed five years. 19.3.4.5, 9.6.2.10.1.1, NFPA 72 14.4.5.3 Review of the fire alarm test results indicated the smoke detection system did not have sensitivity testing at frequencies in compliance with the minimum requirements of NFPA 72. No records were available to indicate smoke detectors were sensitivity tested at the required			K 347	1. Corrective action will be taken to conduct proper sensitivity testing of all smoke alarms in accordance with requirements and recorded in a revised smoke detector report. Also, documentation from outside contractor will be filed in this report. 2. All Portions of the Facility have the potential to be affected. 3. Sensitivity testing of all smoke alarms will be completed yearly and written down on a calendar to ensure completion. Weekly meetings will be conducted to ensure compliance and that it will not reoccur. 4. Weekly meetings will be conducted to ensure compliance. 5. 5/5/2024		5/5/24

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K 347	Continued From page 5 two-year test interval.	K 347			
K 353 SS=F	Failure to install, maintain, inspect and test the smoke detection system in accordance with NFPA 72 increases the risk of death or injury due to fire. This deficiency affected all smoke detectors in the facility. Sprinkler System - Maintenance and Testing CFR(s): NFPA 101 Sprinkler System - Maintenance and Testing Automatic sprinkler and standpipe systems are inspected, tested, and maintained in 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. a) Date sprinkler system last checked _____ b) Who provided system test _____ c) Water system supply source _____ Provide in REMARKS information on coverage for any non-required or partial automatic sprinkler system. 9.7.5, 9.7.7, 9.7.8, and NFPA 25 This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Automatic sprinkler systems are continuously maintained in reliable operating condition and are inspected and tested periodically. The property owner or designated representative shall correct or repair deficiencies or impairments that are	K 353			5/15/24
			1. Corrective action will be taken to conduct proper maintenance of Nelson County Health System's sprinkler system in accordance with requirements. This will be recorded in a sprinkler system report		

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K 353	Continued From page 6 found during the inspection, test, and maintenance required by NFPA 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-based Fire Protection Systems. 19.7.6, 4.6.12, NFPA 25, 4.1.4.1 The facility failed to ensure the automatic sprinkler system was continuously maintained in a reliable operating condition as required by NFPA 25. Record review determined: 1) A quarterly flow test of the automatic sprinkler system was not conducted during the first quarter of 2024. 2) Monthly visual inspection of the control valves and gauges was not conducted in January, February, and March 2024. 3) Documentation was not available indicating an annual inspection of the automatic sprinkler system was conducted in the past year. Failure to inspect, test and maintain the automatic sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 25 increases the risk of death or injury due to fire. The deficiency affected the complete automatic sprinkler system, which serves the entire facility.	K 353	along with documentation from outside contractor. 2. All Portions of the Facility have the potential to be affected. 3. This will be ensured by writing dates down on a calendar. Quarterly flow tests of the sprinkler system will be completed, along with monthly visual inspections of the control valves and gauges, and annual inspection by outside contractor. Weekly meetings will be completed to ensure compliance and that it will not reoccur. 4. Weekly meetings will be conducted to ensure compliance. 5. 5/15/2024		
K 712 SS=E	Fire Drills CFR(s): NFPA 101 Fire Drills Fire drills include the transmission of a fire alarm signal and simulation of emergency fire conditions. Fire drills are held at expected and unexpected times under varying conditions, at	K 712		5/1/24	

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K 712	Continued From page 7 least quarterly on each shift. The staff is familiar with procedures and is aware that drills are part of established routine. Where drills are conducted between 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM, a coded announcement may be used instead of audible alarms. 19.7.1.4 through 19.7.1.7 This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: The facility failed to conduct fire drills as required. Fire drill records review determined: 1) A fire drill was not conducted on the first, second, or third shift during the first quarter of 2024. 2) A fire drill was not conducted on the third shift during the third quarter of 2023. 3) A fire drill was not conducted on the first, second, or third shift during the fourth quarter of 2023. Failure to conduct fire drills as required increases the risk of death or injury due to fire. The deficiency affected seven (7) of twelve (12) drills in the past year.	K 712	1. Corrective action will be to conduct proper fire drills per a revised checklist to make sure all shifts are included in drills and the simulation call is conducted. 2. All portions of the facility have the potential to be affected. 3. Fire drills will be set up on a calendar. Weekly meetings will be conducted to review the schedule and compliance with the number per shift and the simulation call. 4. Nelson County Health System will conduct weekly meetings to ensure the deficient practices are being corrected and will not reoccur. 5. 5/1/2024		
K 918 SS=F	Electrical Systems - Essential Electric Syste CFR(s): NFPA 101 Electrical Systems - Essential Electric System Maintenance and Testing The generator or other alternate power source and associated equipment is capable of supplying service within 10 seconds. If the	K 918		5/5/24	

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K 918	Continued From page 8 10-second criterion is not met during the monthly test, a process shall be provided to annually confirm this capability for the life safety and critical branches. Maintenance and testing of the generator and transfer switches are performed in accordance with NFPA 110. Generator sets are inspected weekly, exercised under load 30 minutes 12 times a year in 20-40 day intervals, and exercised once every 36 months for 4 continuous hours. Scheduled test under load conditions include a complete simulated cold start and automatic or manual transfer of all EES loads, and are conducted by competent personnel. Maintenance and testing of stored energy power sources (Type 3 EES) are in accordance with NFPA 111. Main and feeder circuit breakers are inspected annually, and a program for periodically exercising the components is established according to manufacturer requirements. Written records of maintenance and testing are maintained and readily available. EES electrical panels and circuits are marked, readily identifiable, and separate from normal power circuits. Minimizing the possibility of damage of the emergency power source is a design consideration for new installations. 6.4.4, 6.5.4, 6.6.4 (NFPA 99), NFPA 110, NFPA 111, 700.10 (NFPA 70) This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: The facility failed to ensure the emergency generator was in compliance with NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code and NFPA 110, Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems. Review of documentation determined:	K 918	1. The generator will be tested in accordance with the requirements and recorded in a revised generator inspection report. 2. All portions of the facility have the potential to be affected. 3. Nelson County Health System will		

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K 918	Continued From page 9 1) Weekly visual inspections of the emergency generator were not conducted during January, February, and March 2024. 2) Monthly 30-minute run tests of the emergency generator were not conducted during January, February, and March 2024. 3) No record was available indicating a 4-hour run test of the emergency generator was conducted in the past 4 years. Failure to inspect, test and maintain the emergency generator in accordance with NFPA 99 and NFPA 110 increases the risk of death or injury due to fire. The deficiency affected one (1) of one (1) emergency generator which provides all emergency power to the facility.	K 918	write down on a calendar when inspections are due in accordance with regulations. Ensuring that visuals of the generator are done weekly; monthly 30-minute run tests are completed; and a annual 4-hour test is completed. 4. Nelson County Health System will conduct weekly meetings to ensure the deficient practices are being corrected and will not reoccur. 5. 5/5/2024		