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{A 000}	Initial Comments A Revisit/Follow up survey was completed 12/14/16 for a Full-Onsite/Complaint survey dated 02/29/16 for the state requirements of 7 NMAC 8.2, Regulations for Assisted Living. Repeat Deficiencies were cited as result of the survey.	{A 000}		
{A 020}	7 NMAC 8.2.20 Admissions and Discharge ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGE: The facility shall complete an admission agreement for each resident. The administrator of the facility or a designee responsible for admission decisions shall meet with the resident or the resident ' s surrogate decision maker prior to admission. No resident shall be admitted who is below the age of eighteen (18) or for whom the facility is unable to provide appropriate care. A. Admission agreement. The admission agreement shall include the following information: (1) the parties to the agreement; (2) the program narrative; (3) the facility's rules; (4) the cost of services and the method of payment; (5) the refund provision in case of death, transfer, voluntary or involuntary discharge; (6) information to formulate advance directives; (7) a written description of the legal rights of the residents translated into another language, if necessary; (8) the facility's staffing ratio; (9) written authorization for staff to assist with medications; (10) notification of rights and responsibilities pursuant to the Incident Reporting Intake, Processing and Training Requirements, 7.1.13 NMAC; (11) the facility ' s bed hold policy; and	{A 020}		

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{A 020}	Continued From page 1 (12) the admission agreement may be terminated if an appropriate placement is found for the resident, under the following circumstances: (a) there shall be a fifteen (15) day written notice of termination given to the resident or his or her surrogate decision maker, unless the resident requests the termination; (b) the resident has failed to pay for a stay at the facility as defined in the admission agreement; (c) the facility ceases to operate or is no longer able to provide services to the resident; (d) the resident ' s health has improved sufficiently and therefore no longer requires the services of the facility; (e) termination without prior notice is permitted in emergency situations for the following reasons: (i) the transfer or discharge is necessary for the resident's safety and welfare; (ii) the resident's needs cannot safely be met in the facility; or (iii) the safety and health of other residents and staff in the facility are endangered; (13) the facility shall provide a thirty (30) day written notice to residents regarding any changes in the cost or the material services provided; a new or amended admission agreement must be executed whenever services, costs or other material terms are changed; and (14) facilities representing their services as " specialized " must disclose evidence of staff specialty training to prospective residents. B. Restrictions in admission. The facility shall not admit or retain individuals that require twenty-four (24) hour continuous nursing care, refer to Subsection U of 7.8.2.7 NMAC Definitions. This rule does not apply to hospice residents who have elected to receive the hospice benefit. Conditions or circumstances that usually require continuous nursing care may include but are not	{A 020}		

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{A 020}	Continued From page 2 limited to the following: (1) ventilator dependency; (2) pressure sores and decubitus ulcers (stage III or IV); (3) intravenous therapy or injections; (4) any condition requiring either physical or chemical restraints; (5) nasogastric tubes; (6) tracheostomy care; (7) residents that present an imminent physical threat or danger to self or others; (8) residents whose psychological or physical condition has declined and placement in the current facility is no longer appropriate as determined by the PCP; (9) residents with a diagnosis that requires isolation techniques; (10) residents that require the use of a Hoyer lift; and (11) ostomy (unless resident is able to provide self care). C. Exceptions to admission, readmission and retention. If a resident requires a greater degree of care than the facility would normally provide or is permitted to provide and the resident wishes to be re-admitted or remain in the facility and the facility wishes to re-admit or retain the resident. The facility shall comply with the following requirements. (1) Convene a team, comprised of: (a) the facility administrator and a facility health care professional if desired; (b) the resident or resident ' s surrogate decision maker; and (c) the hospice or home health clinician. (2) The team shall jointly determine if the resident should be admitted, readmitted or allowed to remain in the facility. Team approval shall be in writing, signed and dated by all team members	{A 020}		

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{A 020}	Continued From page 3 and the approval shall be maintained in the resident's record and shall: (a) be based upon an individual service plan (ISP) which identifies the resident's specific needs and addresses the manner that such needs will be met; (b) ensure that if the facility is licensed for more than eight (8) residents and does not have complete fire sprinkler coverage, the facility shall maintain an evacuation rating score of prompt as determined by the fire safety equivalency system (FSSES); (c) evaluate and outline how meeting the specific needs of the resident will impact the staff and the other residents; and (d) include an independent advocate such as a certified ombudsman if requested by the resident, the family or the facility. (3) The team recommendation shall be maintained on site in the resident ' s file. (4) When a resident is discharged, the facility shall record where the resident was discharged to and what medications were released with the resident. D. Coordination of care. (1) Assisted living facilities shall have evidence of care coordination on an ISP for all services that are provided in the facility by an outside health care provider, such as hospice or home health providers. (2) Residents shall be given a list of providers, including hospice and home health if applicable, and have the right to choose their provider. If applicable, the referring party shall disclose any ownership interest in a recommended or listed provider. [7.8.2.20 NMAC - Rp, 7.8.2.19 NMAC & 7.8.2.20 NMAC, 01/15/2010]	{A 020}		

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{A 020}	Continued From page 4 This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: 7.8.2.20 C Repeat Deficiency Based on record review and interview the facility failed to ensure for 1 (R #8) of 2 (R #s 7 and 8) residents currently receiving hospice services had an Admission/Retention Exception team meeting prior to being admitted or retained at the facility. This deficient practice has the potential to affect the health and safety of residents on hospice if the Direct Care Staff (DCS) are not able to provide the higher level of care required or do not know what care they need to provide and what care the hospice agency is providing. The findings are: A. Record review of R #8's Individual Service Plan dated 03/08/16 revealed that ■ was admitted to the facility with hospice services on ■/16, there is no documentation that an Admission/Retention Exception team meeting was convened prior to ■ admission. B. On 12/12/16 at 3:47 pm, during interview with the Administrator, he confirmed that a team meeting was not convened prior to R #8's admission to the facility with hospice services.	{A 020}		
{A 025}	7 NMAC 8.2.25 Resident Evaluation RESIDENT EVALUATION: A. A resident evaluation shall be completed by an appropriate staff member within fifteen (15) days prior to admission to determine the level of assistance that is needed and if the level of services required by the resident can be met by	{A 025}		

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{A 025}	Continued From page 5 the facility. B. The initial resident evaluation shall establish a baseline in the resident's functional status and thereafter assist with identifying resident changes. The resident evaluation shall be reviewed and updated at a minimum of every six (6) months or when there is a significant change in the resident's health status. C. The resident's evaluation shall be documented on a resident evaluation form and at a minimum include the following abilities, behaviors or status: (1) activities of daily living; (2) cognitive abilities; reasoning and perception; the ability to articulate thoughts, memory function or impairment, etc; (3) communication and hearing; ability to communicate needs and understand instructions, etc; (4) vision; (5) physical functioning and skeletal problems; (6) incontinence of bowel/bladder; (7) psychosocial well-being; (8) mood and behavior; (9) activity interests; (10) diagnoses; (11) health conditions; (12) nutritional status; (13) oral or dental status; (14) skin conditions; (15) medication use and level of assistance needed with medications; (16) special treatments and procedures or special medical needs such as hospice; and (17) safety needs/high risk behaviors; history of falls agitation, wandering, fire safety issues, etc. D. The resident evaluation shall include a history and physical examination and an evaluation report by a physician or a physician extender	{A 025}		

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{A 025}	Continued From page 6 within six (6) months of admission. A resident shall have a medical evaluation by a physician or a physician extender at least annually. E. The resident evaluation shall be reviewed and if needed revised by a licensed practical nurse, registered nurse or physician extender at the time the individual service plan is reviewed, at a minimum of every six (6) months or when a significant change in health status occurs. [7.8.2.25 NMAC - Rp, 7.8.2.25 NMAC, 01/15/2010] This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: 7.8.2.25 A Repeat Deficiency Based on record review and interview the facility failed to ensure for 1 resident (R #8) of 2 (R #s 7 and 8) residents whose evaluations were reviewed for compliance were completed within 15 days prior to admission. If the evaluations are not completed prior to admission then residents are at risk of Direct Care Staff not being aware of/or able to provide the level of care needed by the resident upon admission. The findings are: A. Record review of R #8's Evaluation/Nursing Assessment dated 03/08/16, revealed that it was not completed until six days after [REDACTED] admission date of [REDACTED]/16. B. On 12/12/16 at 3:47 pm, during interview with the Administrator, he confirmed that R #8's Evaluation/Nursing Assessment was not completed until six days after admission date of	{A 025}		

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{A 025}	Continued From page 7 03/02/16.	{A 025}		
{A 034}	7 NMAC 8.2.34 Custodial Drug Permits CUSTODIAL DRUG PERMITS: A facility with two (2) or more residents that is licensed pursuant to this rule and that assists with self-administration or safeguards medications for residents shall have a current custodial drug permit issued by the state board of pharmacy. A. Procurement, labeling and storage. The facility shall provide assistance to the resident in obtaining the necessary medications, treatment and medical supplies as identified in the ISP. The facility shall procure, label and store medications for residents who require assistance with self-administration of medication in compliance with state and federal laws. (1) All medications, including non-prescription drugs, shall be stored in a locked compartment or in a locked room, as approved by the board of pharmacy and the key shall be in the care of the administrator or designee. (2) Internal medication shall be kept separate from external medications. Drugs to be taken by mouth shall be separated from all other delivery forms. (3) A separate, locked refrigerator shall be provided by the facility for medications. The refrigerator temperature shall be kept in compliance with the state board of pharmacy requirements for medications. (4) All medications, including non-prescription medications, shall be stored in separate compartments for each resident and all medications shall be labeled with the resident's name. (5) A resident may be permitted to keep his or her own medication in a locked compartment in his or	{A 034}		

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{A 034}	Continued From page 8 her room for self-administration, if the physician's order deems it appropriate. (6) The facility shall not require the residents to purchase medications from any particular pharmacy. (7) Medical gases (oxygen) and equipment used for the administration of inhalation therapy and for resuscitative purposes shall comply with the national fire protection association (NFPA) 99. (8) A proof of use record shall be maintained separately for each schedule II through IV drug (controlled substances). The proof of use sheet shall document: (a) the type and strength of the schedule II through IV drugs; (b) the date and time staff assisted with self-administration; (c) the resident ' s name; (d) the prescriber ' s name; (e) the dose; (f) the signature of the person assisting with delivery of the medication; and (g) the balance of medication remaining. (9) Any remaining medication discontinued by a physician ' s order, or upon discharge or death of the resident shall be inventoried and moved to a separate locked storage container. Such discontinued medications shall be destroyed upon the next quarterly visit by the consulting pharmacist in accordance with 16.19.11.10 NMAC. (10) The record of medication destruction shall be signed by the administrator or designee and the pharmacist and shall be kept on file at the facility. B. Consulting pharmacist. The facility shall maintain records demonstrating that the consulting pharmacist provides the following oversight and guidance.	{A 034}		

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{A 034}	Continued From page 9 (1) Reviews the medication regimen as needed, but at least quarterly/every three (3) months, to determine that all medications and records are accurate and current. All irregularities shall be reported to the administrator of the facility and these irregularities shall be resolved by the administrator within seventy-two (72) hours. (2) A system of records of receipt and disposition of all drugs in sufficient detail to enable an accurate reconciliation. (3) Consultation shall be provided on all aspects of pharmacy services in the facility, including reference information regarding side effects and, when needed, physician consultation in cases involving the use of psychotropic medications. (4) The consulting pharmacist will be responsible for assuring that the facility meets all requirements for storage, labeling, destruction and documentation of medications as required by the state board of pharmacy, 16.19.11.10 NMAC and 7.8.2 NMAC. [7.8.2.34 NMAC - Rp, 7.8.2.35 NMAC, 01/15/2010] This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: 7.8.2.34 A. (7) Repeat Deficiency Reference NFPA 99, 1999 Edition Section 8-3.1.11.3 (Signs) Reference NFPA 99, 1999 Edition Section 4-3.1.1.2 Storage Requirements (Location, Construction, Arrangement). (a) * Nonflammable Gases (Any Quantity; In-Storage, Connected, or Both) 1. Sources of heat in storage locations shall	{A 034}		

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{A 034}	Continued From page 10 be protected or located so that cylinders or compressed gases shall not be heated to the activation point of integral safety devices. In no case shall the temperature of the cylinders exceed 130°F (54°C). Care shall be exercised when handling cylinders that have been exposed to freezing temperatures or containers that contain cryogenic liquids to prevent injury to the skin. 2. * Enclosures shall be provided for supply systems cylinder storage or manifold locations for oxidizing agents such as oxygen and nitrous oxide. Such enclosures shall be constructed of an assembly of building materials with a fire-resistive rating of at least 1 hour and shall not communicate directly with anesthetizing locations. Other nonflammable (inert) medical gases may be stored in the enclosure. Flammable gases shall not be stored with oxidizing agents. Storage of full or empty cylinders is permitted. Such enclosures shall serve no other purpose. 3. Provisions shall be made for racks or fastenings to protect cylinders from accidental damage or dislocation. 4. The electric installation in storage locations or manifold enclosures for nonflammable medical gases shall comply with the standards of NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, for ordinary locations. Electric wall fixtures, switches, and receptacles shall be installed in fixed locations not less than 152 cm (5 ft) above the floor as a precaution against their physical damage. 5. Storage locations for oxygen and nitrous oxide shall be kept free of flammable materials [see also 4-3.1.1.2(a)7]. 6. Cylinders containing compressed gases and containers for volatile liquids shall be kept away from radiators, steam piping, and like sources of heat.	{A 034}		

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{A 034}	Continued From page 11 7. Combustible materials, such as paper, cardboard, plastics, and fabrics, shall not be stored or kept near supply system cylinders or manifolds containing oxygen or nitrous oxide. Racks for cylinder storage shall be permitted to be of wooden construction. Wrappers shall be removed prior to storage. Exception: Shipping crates or storage cartons for cylinders. 8. When cylinder valve protection caps are supplied, they shall be secured tightly in place unless the cylinder is connected for use. 9. Containers shall not be stored in a tightly closed space such as a closet [see 8-2.1.2.3(c)]. Reference NFPA 99, 1999 Edition Section 8-3.1.11.3 (Signs) Based on observation and interview, the facility failed to ensure that: 1. Oxygen cylinder tanks were stored securely and protected from accidental damage or dislocation. 2. Oxygen warning signs were posted outside the room where oxygen is being stored. If an oxygen cylinder tank were to fall over damaging the valve, causing it to depressurize or if there are not warning signs informing there is "oxygen in use" then all 8 (R #s 1-8) residents identified on the resident census list provided by House Manager #1 on 12/12/16 are at an increased risk of harm, injury or death if a fire were to occur. The findings are: A. On 12/12/16 at 2:43 pm, during observation of the Fire Riser room (a room in a building where the fire pump and automatic sprinklers are located), 4 tall oxygen cylinder tanks (2	{A 034}		

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{A 034}	Continued From page 12 unsecured, 2 secured) were observed to be stored with combustible activity supplies and paper decorations. There was no "oxygen" warning sign observed to be posted outside the door. B. On 12/12/16 at 2:45 pm, during interview with House Manager #1, she confirmed that the 4 oxygen cylinder tanks (2 unsecured, 2 secured) were stored in the Fire Riser room (a room in a building where the fire pump and automatic sprinklers are located) with combustible activity supplies and paper decorations and that there was no "oxygen" warning sign posted on the outside of the door.	{A 034}		
{A 036}	7 NMAC 8.2.36 Nutrition NUTRITION: The facility shall provide planned and nutritionally balanced meals from the basic food groups in accordance with the " recommended daily dietary allowance " of the American dietetic association, the food and nutrition board of the national research council, or the national academy of sciences. Meals shall meet the nutritional needs of the residents in accordance with the " 2005 USDA dietary guidelines for Americans. " Vending machines shall not be considered a source of snacks. A. Dietary services policies and procedures. The facility will develop and implement written policies and procedures that are maintained on the premises and that govern the following requirements. (1) Meal service. The facility shall: (a) serve at least three (3) meals or their equivalent each day at regular times with no more than sixteen (16) hours between the evening meal and morning meal with snacks freely	{A 036}		

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{A 036}	Continued From page 13 available; (b) provide snacks of nourishing quality and post on the daily menu; (c) develop menus enjoyed by the residents and served at normal intervals appropriate to the residents ' preferences; (d) post the weekly menu, including snacks where residents and families are able to view it; posted menus shall be followed and any substitution shall be of equivalent nutritional value and recorded on the posted menu; identical menus shall not be used within a one (1) week cycle; (e) have special menus or meal items following guidelines from the resident ' s physician for residents who have medically prescribed special diets; (f) serve all residents in a dining room except for residents with a temporary illness, or with documented specific personal preference to have meals in their room; (g) allow sufficient time for meals to enable residents to eat at a leisurely pace and to socialize; and (h) contact the resident ' s PCP within forty-eight (48) hours if a resident consistently refuses to eat. (2) Staff in-service training. The facility shall provide an in-service training program for staff that are involved in food preparation at orientation and at least annually and that includes: (a) instruction in proper food storage; (b) preparation and serving food; (c) safety in food handling; (d) appropriate personal hygiene; and (e) infectious and communicable disease control. B. Dietary records. The facility shall maintain the following documentation onsite: (1) a systematic record of all menus and	{A 036}		

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{A 036}	Continued From page 14 revisions, including snacks, for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days; (2) a systematic record of therapeutic diets as prescribed by a PCP; (3) a copy of the most recent licensing inspection and for facilities with 10 or more residents, a copy of the New Mexico environment department inspection with notations made by the facility of action taken to comply with recommendations or citations; and (4) a daily log of the recorded temperatures for all facility refrigerators, freezers and steam tables maintained and available for inspection for thirty (30) calendar days. C. Clean and sanitary conditions. All practices shall be in accordance with the standards of the state environment department, pursuant to 7.6.2 NMAC. (1) Kitchen sanitation. (a) Equipment and work areas shall be clean and in good repair. Surfaces with which food or beverages come into contact shall be of smooth, impervious material free of open seams, not readily corrodible and easily accessible for cleaning. (b) Utensils shall be stored in a clean, dry place protected from contamination. (c) The walls, ceiling and floors of all rooms that food or drink is stored, prepared or served shall be kept clean and in good repair. (2) Washing and sanitizing kitchenware. (a) All reusable tableware and kitchenware shall be cleaned in accordance with procedures that include separate steps for prewashing, washing, rinsing and sanitizing. (b) Proper dishwashing procedures and techniques shall be utilized and understood by the dishwashing staff. (c) Periodic monitoring of the operation of the	{A 036}		

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{A 036}	Continued From page 15 detergent dispenser, washing, rinsing and sanitizing temperatures shall be performed and documented. (d) When a dishwashing machine is utilized, the cleanliness of the machine, its jets and its thermostatic controls shall be monitored and documented by the facility. A monthly log of the recorded temperature of the dishwasher shall be maintained in the facility and available for inspection. (3) Sinks for hand washing shall include hot and cold running water, hand-washing soap and disposable towels. (4) All garbage and kitchen refuse that is not disposed of through a garbage disposal unit shall be kept in watertight containers with close-fitting covers and disposed of daily in a safe and sanitary manner. (5) Cooks and food handlers shall wear clean outer garments and hair nets or caps and shall keep their hands clean at all times when engaged in handling food, drink, utensils or equipment in accordance with the local health authority. Disposable gloves shall be used in accordance with the local health authority. D. Food management. The facility shall store, prepare, distribute and serve food under sanitary conditions and in accordance with the regulations governing food establishments of local health authority having jurisdiction, 7.6.2 NMAC. (1) The facility shall ensure that a minimum of a three (3) calendar day supply of perishables and a five (5) calendar day supply of non-perishables or canned foods is available for the residents. (2) The facility refrigerator and freezer shall have an accurate thermometer which reads within or not more than plus or minus three (3) degrees fahrenheit of the required temperature, located in the warmest section of the refrigerator and	{A 036}		

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{A 036}	Continued From page 16 freezer and shall be accessible and easily read. (a) The temperature of the refrigerator shall be thirty-five (35) - forty-one (41) degrees fahrenheit. (b) Freezer temperatures shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees fahrenheit or below. (3) Refrigerators and freezers shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. Food stored in refrigerators and freezers shall be covered, dated and labeled. Unused leftover food shall be discarded after three (3) calendar days. (4) Steam tables, hot food tables, slow cookers, crock pots and other hot food holding devices shall not be used in heating or reheating food. Hot food temperatures shall be checked periodically to insure that a minimum of one hundred forty (140) degrees fahrenheit is maintained. (5) Medication, biological specimens, poisons, detergents and cleaning supplies shall not be kept in the same storage areas used for storage of foods. Medications shall not be stored in the refrigerator with food; an alternate refrigerator for medication shall be used pursuant to Subsection B of 7.6.2.8 NMAC. (6) Canned or preserved foods shall be procured from sources that process the food under regulated quality and sanitation controls. This does not preclude the use of local fresh produce. The facility shall not use home-canned foods. (7) Dry or staple food items shall be stored at least six (6) inches off the floor in a ventilated room that is not subject to sewage, waste water back-flow or contamination by condensation, leakage, rodents or vermin. (8) The facility shall ensure the following: (a) all perishable food is refrigerated and the temperature is maintained no higher than forty-one (41) degrees fahrenheit; (b) the temperature for all hot foods is maintained	{A 036}		

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{A 036}	Continued From page 17 at one hundred forty (140) degrees fahrenheit; and (c) all displayed or transported food is protected from environmental contamination and maintained at proper temperatures in clean containers, cabinets or serving carts. E. Milk. (1) Raw milk shall not be used. (2) Condensed, evaporated, or dried milk products that are nationally recognized may be employed as " additives " in cooked food preparation but shall not be substituted or served to residents in place of milk. F. Collateral requirements. Compliance with this rule does not relieve a facility from the responsibility of meeting more stringent municipal regulations, ordinances or other requirements of state or federal laws governing food service establishments. Local health authority having jurisdiction means municipal, county, state or federal agency(s) that have laws and regulations governing food establishments, liquid waste disposal, treatment facilities and private wells. [7.8.2.36 NMAC - Rp, 7.8.2.37 NMAC, 01/15/2010] This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: 7.8.2.36. C (4) Repeat Deficiency Based on observation and interview the facility failed to ensure that the two (2) garbage containers in the kitchen had tight fitting/closing lids. This deficient practice has the potential to cause all 8 (R #1-8) residents listed on the resident census, provided by House Manager #1 on 12/12/16 to be at risk of contracting foodborne	{A 036}		

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{A 036}	Continued From page 18 illnesses if served and/or prepared food is contaminated with germs. The findings are: A. On 12/12/16 at 1:40 pm, during observation the two (2) garbage containers in the kitchen were observed to not have any lids on them. B. On 12/12/16 at 1:41 pm, during interview with Direct Care Staff #4, she confirmed that there were no lids on the kitchen garbage containers.	{A 036}			
{A 068}	7 NMAC 8.2.68 Hospice HOSPICE: An assisted living facility that provides or coordinates hospice care and services shall meet the requirements in this section, in addition to the rules applicable to all assisted living facilities, 7.8.2 NMAC. A. Definitions: in addition to the requirements for all assisted living facilities pursuant to " DEFINITIONS," 7.8.2.7 NMAC, the following definitions shall also apply. (1) "Hospice agency" means an organization, company, for-profit or non-profit corporation or any other entity which provides a coordinated program of palliative and supportive services for physical, psychological, social and the option of spiritual care of terminally ill people and their families. The services are provided by a medically directed interdisciplinary team in the person's home and the agency is required to be licensed pursuant to 7.12 NMAC. (2) "Hospice care" means a focus on palliative, rather than curative care. The goal of the plan of care is to help the patient live as comfortably as possible, with emphasis on eliminating or decreasing pain and other uncomfortable symptoms.	{A 068}			

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{A 068}	Continued From page 19 (3) " Licensed assisted living provider " means a facility that provides twenty-four (24) hour assisted living and is licensed by the department of health. (4) " Hospice services " means a program of palliative and supportive services which provides physical, psychological, social and spiritual care for terminally ill patients and their family members. (5) " Care coordination requirements " means a written document that outlines the care and services to be provided by the hospice agency for assisted living residents that require hospice services. (6) " Palliative care " means a form of medical care or treatment that is intended to reduce the severity of disease symptoms, rather than to reverse progression of the disease itself or provide a cure. (7) " Terminally ill " means a diagnosis by a physician for a patient with a prognosis of six (6) months or less to live. (8) " Visit notes " means the documentation of the services provided for hospice residents and includes ongoing care coordination. B. Employee training and support. A facility that provides hospice services shall provide the following education and training for employees who assist with providing these services: (1) provide a minimum of six (6) hours per year of palliative/hospice care training, which includes one (1) hour specific to the hospice resident ' s ISP, in addition to the basic staff education requirements pursuant to 7.8.2.17 NMAC; and (2) offer an ongoing employee psychological support program for end of life care issues. C. Individual service plan (ISP) requirements. (1) Each resident who receives hospice services shall be provided the necessary palliative care to	{A 068}		

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{A 068}	Continued From page 20 meet the individual resident ' s needs as outlined in the ISP and shall include one (1) hour of training specific to the resident for all direct care staff. (2) The assisted living facility, in coordination with the hospice provider, shall create an ISP that identifies how the resident's needs are met and includes the following: (a) the requirements set forth in the " Individual Service Plan, " 7.8.2.26 NMAC, and " Exceptions to admission, readmission and retention, " Subsection C of 7.8.2.20 NMAC; (b) what services are to be provided; (c) who will provide the services; (d) how the services will be provided; (e) a delineation of the role(s) of the hospice provider and the assisted living facility in the ISP process; (f) documentation (visit notes) of the care and services that are provided with the signature of the person who provided the care and services; and (g) a list of the current medications or biologicals that the resident receives and who is authorized to administer them. (3) Medications shall be self-administered, self-administered with assistance by an individual that has completed a state approved program in medication assistance or administered by the following individuals: (a) a physician; (b) a physician extender (PA or NP); (c) a licensed nurse (RN or LPN); (d) the resident if their PCP has approved it; (e) family or family designee; and (f) any other individual in accordance with applicable state and local laws. D. Care coordination. (1) The assisted living facility shall be	{A 068}		

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{A 068}	Continued From page 21 knowledgeable with regard to the hospice requirements pursuant to 7.12 NMAC and ensure that the hospice agency is well informed with regard to the assisted living provisions pursuant to Subsection C of 7.8.2.20 NMAC. (2) The assisted living facility shall hold a team meeting prior to accepting or retaining a hospice resident in accordance with " Exceptions to admission, readmission and retention, " Subsection C of 7.8.2.20 NMAC. (3) Upon admission of a resident into hospice care, the assisted living facility shall designate a section of the resident ' s record for hospice documentation. (a) The facility shall provide individual records for each resident. (b) The hospice agency shall leave documentation at the facility in the designated section of the resident ' s record. (4) The assisted living facility shall provide the resident and family or surrogate decision maker with information on palliative care and shall support the resident ' s freedom of choice with regard to decisions. (5) Hospice services shall be available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week for hospice residents, families and facility staff and may include continuous nursing care for hospice residents as needed. These services shall be delivered in accordance with the resident ' s individual service plan (ISP) and pursuant to 7.8.2 26 NMAC. (6) The assisted living facility shall ensure the coordination of services with the hospice agency. (a) The resident's individual service plan (ISP) shall be updated with significant changes in the resident ' s condition and care needs. (b) The assisted living facility shall receive information and communication from the hospice	{A 068}		

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{A 068}	Continued From page 22 staff at each visit. (i) The information shall include the resident status and any changes in the ISP (i.e., medication changes, etc.). (ii) The information shall be in the form of a verbal report to the assisted living facility staff and also in the form of written documentation. (c) The assisted living facility or the family/resident shall reserve the right to schedule care conferences as the needs of the resident and family dictate. The care conferences shall include all care team members. (d) Concerns that arise with regard to the delivery of services from either the assisted living facility or the hospice agency shall first be addressed with the facility administrator and the hospice agency administrator. (i) The process may be informal or formal depending on the nature of the issue. (ii) If an issue can not be resolved or if there is an immediate danger to the resident the appropriate authority shall be notified. E. Additional provisions. An assisted living facility that provides or coordinates hospice care and services shall make additional provisions for the following requirements: (1) individual services and care: each resident receiving hospice services shall be provided the necessary palliative procedures to meet individual needs as defined in the ISP; (2) private visiting space: (a) physical space for private family visits; (b) accommodations for family members to remain with the patient throughout the night; and (c) accommodations for family privacy after a resident ' s death. F. Medicare and medicaid restrictions. Assisted living facilities shall not accept a resident considered " hospice general inpatient " which	{A 068}		

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{A 068}	Continued From page 23 would be billable to medicare or medicaid because the facility will not qualify for payment by medicare or medicaid. [7.8.2.68 NMAC - N, 01/15/2010] This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: 7.8.2.68 D (2) Repeat Deficiency Based on record review and interview the facility failed to ensure for 1 (R #8) of 2 (R #s 7 and 8) residents currently receiving hospice services had an Admission/Retention Exception team meeting prior to being admitted or retained at the facility. This deficient practice has the potential to affect the health and safety of residents on hospice if the Direct Care Staff (DCS) are not able to provide the higher level of care required or do not know what care they need to provide and what care the hospice agency is providing. The findings are: A. Record review of R #8's Individual Service Plan dated 03/08/16 revealed that [REDACTED] was admitted to the facility with hospice services on [REDACTED]/16, there is no documentation that an Admission/Retention Exception team meeting was convened prior to [REDACTED] admission. B. On 12/12/16 at 3:47 pm, during interview with the Administrator, he confirmed that a team meeting was not convened prior to R #8's admission to the facility with hospice services.	{A 068}		