

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 0016312	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING: _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED C 08/08/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER WILLOW WINDS LIVING IV		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE N 348 TWINKLING STAR RD WHITEWATER, WI 53190		
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M 000	INITIAL COMMENTS On 08/07/2024, with information gathered through 08/08/2024, Surveyor conducted a monitoring visit at Willow Winds IV. One deficiency was identified. Census: 0	M 000		
M 230	88.04(2)(f) CONDITION WHICH REPRESENTS RISK OR HARM The licensee may not permit the existence or continuation of a condition in the home which places the health, safety or welfare of a resident at substantial risk of harm. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on interviews and record review, the provider permitted an existence of a condition in the home which placed the health, safety, and welfare for 2 of 4 residents at substantial risk of harm. Caregiver C, who was under the influence of an illegal substance, transported Resident 1 and Resident 2 in a transport van; drove through a stop sign at a controlled intersection, which resulted in a vehicular crash involving other vehicles and the death of Resident 1 and Resident 2. Findings include: The provider is licensed to provide care for 4 residents within the client groups emotionally disturbed/mental illness, traumatic brain injury, and/or developmentally disabled.	M 230		

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

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M 230	Continued From page 1 On 04/14/2024, the Department received a written report, written by Administrator B, which documented: "Traffic accident on [highway] on the way to a shopping trip. [Caregiver C] was driving the van and there was a verbal confrontation between [residents]. [Caregiver C] failed to stop at a stop sign in the township of [name] per [County] Sheriff Department. Multiple Deaths ([Resident 1], ... and four more in the hospital [Resident 2] ..." On 05/17/2024, during an onsite visit, Surveyor was informed that Resident 2 had passed away from his/her injuries on 04/18/2024. On 08/07/2024, Surveyor conducted a monitoring visit. On 08/07/2024, at approximately 9:40 AM, Surveyor interviewed Caregiver D. Caregiver D stated s/he did not work that day, but Caregiver C should not have transported 7 residents at one time and residents are to always have their seatbelt on. Caregiver D stated, "Sometimes residents will argue about wearing a seatbelt, but it is the law and staff are to pull the van over until everyone is seat belted." Caregiver D stated s/he did not remember who was working that day, but if s/he had been, s/he would have told Caregiver C that some of the residents would have to wait. Caregiver D stated, "If I had thought [Caregiver C] was under the influence, I would have reported it to [Administrator B]." Caregiver D stated Caregiver C had been charged with four counts of homicide due to having THC in his/her system at the time of the crash. On 08/07/2024, at approximately 9:50 AM, Surveyor interviewed Licensee A. Licensee A	M 230			

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M 230	Continued From page 2 stated when the background and driving records were checked on Caregiver C, there were no concerns. Licensee A stated s/he was not onsite when Caregiver C made the decision to transport 7 residents with THC in his/her system. On 08/07/2024, at approximately 10:10 AM, Surveyor interviewed Caregiver E. Caregiver E stated s/he was to take the residents for their shopping trip that afternoon when s/he arrived at work, second shift. Caregiver E stated Caregiver C contacted him/her and said s/he would take the residents. Caregiver E stated that when s/he transported the residents, one had to determine how many 1:1 residents you were taking, along with the independent residents. Caregiver E stated, "The residents are to always be buckled, but maybe with 7 residents in the minivan, it was too crowded." Caregiver E stated Caregiver C was new to being a driver, so there was a possibility s/he did not know all of the rules when transporting residents. On 08/07/2024, at approximately 10:30 AM, Surveyor interviewed Administrator B. Administrator B stated there were two residents that should not have been in the van due to their shopping schedule/requirements. Administrator B stated Caregiver C had contacted him/her about transporting the residents for their shopping trip because the residents had been asking. Administrator B stated s/he had given Caregiver C permission to transport residents for a shopping trip after s/he dropped one resident off at work. Administrator B stated, "I did not now s/he was going to try to take 7 residents in the minivan. We were talking about the residents who lived at [address]." Administrator B stated s/he had been informed by Caregiver C s/he had been distracted due to residents arguing but a	M 230		

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M 230	Continued From page 3 resident, who had been in the front seat of the van, told him/her that the residents were not fighting, Caregiver C was on his/her handheld phone. Administrator B stated s/he had been informed by law enforcement that Caregiver C had been charged with vehicular homicide due to intoxication; s/he had THC in his/her system. Administrator B stated Caregiver C should never have come to work under the influence of any illegal drug, let alone drive a company vehicle with residents in it. On 08/08/2024, at approximately 5:20 PM, Surveyor interviewed Caregiver F. Caregiver F stated s/he did not work that weekend. Caregiver F explained there were 4 houses and each house homed 4 residents. When the shopping trips were scheduled, residents from a specific house were taken. Caregiver F stated, "If all the residents did not want to go on their scheduled shopping trip and there was room in the van, [Administrator B] or myself, would determine who could go along. You had to consider which residents are independent, which ones are dependent. There shouldn't have been 7 residents in the van." Caregiver F stated Caregiver C should never have come to work under the influence of any illegal drug, let alone drive a company vehicle with residents in it. Caregiver F s/he had heard that Caregiver C had been distracted due to residents arguing but a resident, who had been in the front seat of the van, told him/her that the residents were not fighting, Caregiver C was on his/her handheld phone. On 08/08/2024 at 8:02 PM, Licensee A emailed Surveyor. Licensee A stated Caregiver C had been terminated when charges were filed by the sheriff's office. Licensee A provided Surveyor	M 230			

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M 230	Continued From page 4 with a copy of Caregiver C's termination notice, dated 04/26/2024, which documented: "Date of violation: 04/13/2024" "[Name] County Sheriff Department-9 traffic violations: 4 deaths, 3 injured. Subject: ____x____ Wisconsin State violations: Failure to yield right of way, operated vehicle in inattentive, careless or erratic manner, THC positive blood test and pot/vape pen found by deputy, causing death of 4 disabled residents. ____x____ [Provider] Policy and procedure violations per signed handbook: Use extreme care while driving. Timeline/details: 4-13-24 per police report. ____x____ Neglect, Failure to follow laws, seat belts not secured on multiple disabled residents thrown from vehicle. 4-13-24 per police department.	M 230		