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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED
	ALF008	A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____	C 01/03/2011

NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER	STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
SIERRA HILLS ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY	4606 NORTH COLLEGE DRIVE CHEYENNE, WY 82009

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A complaint survey was conducted at your facility on January 3, 2011 by the Office of Healthcare Licensing and Surveys, (OHLS). The survey was prompted by complaint intakes (LIC-11-007).

The complaint allegation was substantiated with a deficiency cited.

Wyoming Department of Health, Rules and Regulations for Licensure of Assisted Living Facilities Chapter 4
Section 10, Life Safety and Electrical Safety. The requirements in the Department of Health Chapter III, Construction Rules for Health Facilities apply.
(II) Assisted Living Facilities operating prior to the effective date of these rules, shall meet the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association that was in effect at the time the facility was licensed as an Assisted Living Facility. All references are based on the requirements of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, 1994 Edition, unless otherwise noted.

This regulation was NOT MET as evidenced by:

Based on observation and staff interview the facility failed to ensure the "wet" sprinkler system was protected from freezing. The findings were:

1. Observation of the north stairwell on 1/03/11 at 2:10 PM showed the sheetrock ceiling had been removed. The walls and carpeted stairs were

The sprinkler head was fixed in the north stairwell and system was brought back on line. 1/3/2011

The sheetrock will be replaced in the north stairwell. A heating system will be installed in the attic as well as system to monitor the temperature. 3/3/2011

The administrator will ensure the environmental service manger monitors the fire suppression system and any issues will be noted in the quality assurance program. 03/03/2011 1/14/2011

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE TITLE (X6) DATE 1/24/2011

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stained with water damage and covered with sheetrock and insulation debris. At the time of the observation the maintenance manager reported the sprinkler head in the stairwell released water on 1/02/11 at 2 AM. The head activated due to the "wet" sprinkler line freezing because the outside temperature was -31 degrees Fahrenheit. Observation showed the roof line was insulated with fiber glass insulation; however, the attic spaces were not heated. The roof line separated the stairwell attic space from the main part of the building's attic area. Resident room #243 was inundated with water that entered the room through holes above the ceiling lights and the smoke detector. The water had run inside the walls and flooded the floor. The water also flooded the rooms on the first floor below. Resident rooms #140, #139 and #138 also had water enter through the walls and under their respective corridor doors.

2. Observation on 1/03/11 at 2:41 PM showed an attic sprinkler head above resident room #228 activated and released water on 1/02/11 at 2 AM. The sprinkler head activated because the "wet" sprinkler line froze. Resident room #228 was inundated with water that entered the room through holes above the ceiling lights and smoke detector. The water also ran inside the walls and flooded the floor. The water continued into the rooms on the first floor below. The room directly below (#125) and the two on either side (#123 and #127) of room #228 were also affected by the water.

3. On 1/03/11 at 2 AM the maintenance manager's cell phone was called when the water flow alarm activated. He arrived at the facility within six minutes and shut off the main water supply. The Cheyenne city fire department also

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SALF	Continued From page 2 responded to an alarm. The fire department pulled down the stairwell ceiling to ensure a fire was not the cause of the sprinkler activation. The facility called the licensed sprinkler contractor to inspect and repair the damage. The contractor replaced the two heads that activated and 12 others in the north attic space. The facility evacuated the residents to the dining room. The facility started a fire watch with hourly inspection of each room in the building after the fire department left. On 1/03/11 at 10 AM the sprinkler system was still shut off because the sprinkler lines were being replaced; a pressure test was scheduled. The attic access doors were opened and corridor heat was allowed to enter the attic. Reference: 23.3.3.5.1 Automatic Extinguishing Systems. Where an automatic sprinkler system is installed either for total or partial building coverage, the system shall be installed in accordance with Section 7-7 ... 7-7.1.1 Each automatic sprinkler system required by another section of this Code shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 13 Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems .... NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, 1994 Edition. 4-5.4.1.2 Where above ground water-filled supply pipes, risers, system risers, or feed mains pass through open areas, cold rooms, passageways, or other areas exposed to freezing temperatures, the pipes shall be protected against freezing by insulation coverings, frost proof casing, or other reliable means capable of maintaining a minimum temperature above 40 degrees Fahrenheit.	SALF		