
Licensing Inspection Report (Annual Inspection)

Facility: THE BIRCHES
Address: 7702 HIGHWAY 7 HWY.
MUSQUODOBOIT HARBOUR NS, B0J 2L0
Date(s) of Inspection: August 29-30, 2022

Requirements resulting from licensing inspection:

1. LTCPR 8.5.4
The licensee shall ensure medications are accounted for, administered and documented in accordance with federal and provincial legislation and professional practice standards.
2. LTCPR 7.2.3
The licensee shall ensure resident council meetings are held monthly. Residents and/or authorized designates are notified of meetings in advance and are encouraged to participate.
3. LTCPR 6.5.2.c
The licensee shall ensure the following processes are developed and followed: labeling of food in refrigerators and discarding of expired food.
4. LTCPR 6.7.5
The licensee shall ensure residents' participation records of individual and group programs are maintained for planned activities.
5. LTCPR 11.1.11
Additional Requirements for Nursing Homes - The licensee shall ensure the home is staffed in accordance with the staffing model as funded by the Department of Health and Wellness.
6. LTCPR 8.2.1.g
The licensee shall ensure policies and procedures that minimize risk to residents, staff, volunteers, visitors and the home are developed and followed. These include but are not limited to: a safety alerts policy and procedures that includes information management, follow up actions and risk mitigation.
7. HSCR 27(7), LTCPR 9.2.4.b
The licensee shall ensure fire drills are conducted a minimum of monthly in accordance with direction from the Office of the Fire Marshal.

- 8.** HSCR 19(1)(d), LTCPR 11.1.6
The licensee shall ensure the home provides a documented, timely orientation for all staff members, volunteers and contracted personnel. The orientation provides the necessary information to support residents in a safe manner and improve their quality of life.
- 9.** LTCPR 6.1.5a
Additional Requirements for Nursing Homes - The licensee shall ensure residents have an interdisciplinary assessment of risk, functional abilities, cognition, nutrition, oral health (see section 6.6), pain and discomfort, falls risk, and recreation, initiated upon admission to the home and completed within two weeks.
- 10.** LTCPR 6.2.16
The licensee shall ensure a stand-alone wound care committee is implemented, or wound care issues/practices are included as a standing agenda item on another appropriate committee (i.e. Quality Committee). The committee shall be interdisciplinary ensuring that wound prevention and management is regularly reviewed and revised to reflect leading practices and provincial direction and identify trends for quality improvement.
- 11.** LTCPR 12.1.8
The licensee shall ensure cleaning and disinfectant products and other chemicals used in environmental cleaning are not used after their expiration date.
- 12.** LTCPR 6.3.6
The licensee shall ensure staff members document timely, clear, objective and complete information on the resident record.
- 13.** LTCPR 12.1.3
The licensee shall ensure regularly scheduled environmental services audits are completed to ensure compliance with leading practices for environmental cleaning.
- 14.** LTCPR 7.1.7
The licensee shall ensure the home's policies are reviewed a minimum of every three years, or more frequently as required to ensure they are current, and they are revised as needed.
- 15.** LTCPR 8.5.10
The licensee shall ensure all residents have an individual Medication Administration Record (MAR) accompanied by a current resident photograph.