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September 6, 2022

Allen DeSena, Person-in-Charge
Carriage Manor, LLC
157 Hillside Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06710

Dear Mr. DeSena:

An unannounced visit was made to Carriage Manor, LLC on August 24, 2022 by representatives of the Facility Licensing and Investigations Section of the Department of Public Health for the purpose of conducting a licensure renewal inspection.

Attached is a violation of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and/or General Statutes of Connecticut which was noted during the course of the visit. The state violations cannot be edited by the provider in any way.

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, section 19a-496, upon a finding of noncompliance with such statutes or regulations, the Department shall issue a written notice of noncompliance to the institution. Not later than fourteen days after such institution receives a notice of noncompliance, the institution shall submit a plan of correction to the Department in response to the items of noncompliance identified in such notice.

The plan of correction is to be submitted to the Department by September 20, 2022.

The plan of correction shall include:

- (1) The measures that the institution intends to implement or systemic changes that the institution intends to make to prevent a recurrence of each identified issue of noncompliance;
- (2) the date each such corrective measure or change by the institution is effective;
- (3) the institution's plan to monitor its quality assessment and performance improvement functions to ensure that the corrective measure or systemic change is sustained; and



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(4) the title of the institution's staff member that is responsible for ensuring the institution's compliance with its plan of correction.

The plan of correction shall be deemed to be the institution's representation of compliance with the identified state statutes or regulations identified in the department's notice of noncompliance. Any institution that fails to submit a plan of correction may be subject to disciplinary action.

You may wish to dispute the violation and you may be provided with the opportunity to be heard. If the violation is not responded to by September 20, 2022 or if a request for a meeting is not made by the stipulated date, the violation shall be deemed admitted.

Please return your response to the Supervising Nurse Consultant and direct your questions concerning the instructions contained in this letter to the Supervising Nurse Consultant at (860) 509-7400. Please do not send another copy via US mail.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at (860) 509-7400.

Respectfully,

Karen Gworek, RN
Karen Gworek, RN, BSN
Supervising Nurse Consultant
Facility Licensing & Investigations Section

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c. Mairead Painter, LTC Ombudsman Program

The following is a violation of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 19-13-D6 (c) Administration (1) and/or (m) Administration of Medications (2)(D)(ii).

1. Based on review of resident records and interviews for one sampled resident (Resident #1) who required pulmonary inhalers, the facility failed to ensure the resident was assessed to determine if the resident was able and safe to self-administer medications and obtain physician orders for the resident to self-administer his/her medications. The findings include:
 - a. Observations on 8/24/22 at 9:30 AM identified on Resident #1's bedside table were two (2) inhaler medications, Combivent handheld inhaler and Spiriva handheld inhaler. Review of the resident's record failed to identify an assessment was completed to determine if the resident who was self-administering medications was capable of self-administering medications and the record failed to reflect documentation that a physician's order was to be obtained for the resident to self-administer those medications. Interview with the Person-in-Charge on 8/24/22 at 11:30 AM identified he was unaware residents had to be assessed to be able to self-administer medications and a physician's order had to be obtained for each resident to self-administer medications. Although the facility provided a policy for administration of medications, the policy failed to identify guidance for a resident who self-administers his/her own medication or a facility policy for administration of medications



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*Approved
9/19/22
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Re: RCSA Section 19-13-D6 (c)

Administration (1) and/or (m) Administration of Medications (2)(D)(ii)

The facility instituted the following policy and procedures to ensure all residents who self-administer medications are assessed for the ability to self-administer medications.

1. All residents were reviewed to ensure no other resident was affected by the deficient practice.
2. Residents that self-administer medication have been assessed and MD order has been obtained.
3. New admissions that request self-administration of meds will be assessed on admission and a MD order obtained.
4. All staff has been inserviced on resident assessments and self-administration of meds.
5. The facility will monitor for compliance with weekly rounds of residents' rooms to ensure no meds are at bedside.
6. Facility policy on self-administration of meds has been instituted.

Corrected by Person-In-Charge

Monitored by Manager

Corrected by: 09/26/2022

