

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 115702	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 12/09/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Washington CO Extended Care Facility		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 610 Sparta Road Sandersville, GA 31082	

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<p>F 0554</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Allow residents to self-administer drugs if determined clinically appropriate.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 45811</p> <p>Based on observation, staff interviews, and review of the facility's policy titled, Medication Storage; Bedside Medication Storage, the facility failed to ensure that one of 20 sampled residents (R42) did not have medication at the bedside. The deficient practice had the potential to allow R42 to administer medications in an unsafe manner.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Review of the facility policy titled, Medication Storage: Bedside Medication Storage, dated 10/2007, revealed the Policy section included, Bedside medication storage is permitted for residents who are able to self-administer medications, upon the written order of the prescriber and when it is deemed appropriate in the judgment of the nursing care center's interdisciplinary resident assessment team.</p> <p>Review of R42's Quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS), dated [DATE], revealed Section C (Cognitive Patterns) documented a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) of 12 (indicating moderate cognitive impairment).</p> <p>Review of R42's Physician's Orders revealed no order for self-administration of medications.</p> <p>Review of the care plan revealed no care plan area for self-administration of medication.</p> <p>During observation on 12/7/2024 at 11:00 am, one container of Hibiclens antiseptic skin cleanser was observed sitting on R42's bedside table.</p> <p>During observation and interview on 12/7/2024 at 11:30 am, Registered Nurse (RN) CC confirmed the Hibiclens was on R42's bedside table. She confirmed it should not be in the resident's room and removed it from the room.</p>

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE
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<p>F 0761</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Ensure drugs and biologicals used in the facility are labeled in accordance with currently accepted professional principles; and all drugs and biologicals must be stored in locked compartments, separately locked, compartments for controlled drugs.</p> <p>45811</p> <p>Based on observations, staff interviews, and review of the facility's policy titled, Storage of Drugs and Biologicals, the facility failed to ensure two of three medication carts were locked and secured when unattended by the nurse, and one of one medication storage room did not have medications with no expiration date. The deficient practices had the potential to allow unauthorized staff, residents, and visitors access to medications, and place residents at risk of receiving expired medications. The facility census was 57.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Review of the facility's undated policy titled, Storage of Drugs and Biologicals, revealed the Policy Statement of It is the policy of this facility that all drugs and biologicals be properly stored. The Procedure section included . 3. All drugs and biologicals are stored in locked compartments, and only authorized personnel have access to the keys.</p> <p>On 12/7/2024 at 8:18 am, three medication carts were observed. The Middle Hall Medication Cart was observed unlocked, unattended and out of the visual sight of a nurse.</p> <p>During an interview on 12/7/2024 at 8:18 am, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) AA stated she had counted the cart at shift change and that no one used it after she counted. She stated the nurses usually lock it when not in use and she did not know why it was unlocked. She stated that she thought that she had locked it.</p> <p>During observation on 12/7/2024 at 12:45 pm, Medication Cart Two was unlocked and unattended. At 12:46 pm, LPN BB returned to the cart and confirmed the cart was unlocked. She stated the medication cart should be locked when the cart was unattended.</p> <p>During an interview and observation on 12/8/2024 at 9:30 am of the medication room with the Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON), observation revealed two containers of Calmoseptine ointment without an expiration date on the containers. The absence of the expiration dates was verified by the nurse, and she removed the medications from the room.</p> <p>During an interview on 12/9/2024 at 12:34 pm, the Education Coordinator stated she has in-services all the time with the nurses about securing medications and stated the last in-service was on 6/4/2024.</p> <p>During an interview on 12/9/2024 at 1:38 pm, the Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) confirmed that LPN AA had signed as having received the education on 6/4/2024.</p> <p>During an interview on 12/9/2024 at 2:15 pm, the Administrator and the Director of Nursing (DON) both stated the nursing staff had received in-services on the medication carts and how to secure them.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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