

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 145869	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 10/24/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Alden Estates of Skokie		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 4626 Old Orchard Road Skokie, IL 60076	

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<p>F 0887</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Educate residents and staff on COVID-19 vaccination, offer the COVID-19 vaccine to eligible residents and staff after education, and properly document each resident and staff member's vaccination status.</p> <p>50036</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to maintain documentation of education and offering Covid-19 vaccination to staff, and failed to follow facility Covid Vaccination Policy regarding education of Covid vaccine. This has the potential to affect all residents in the facility.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>On 10/22/24 at 1:20 PM, V2 (Director of Nursing (DON)/ (IP) Infection Preventionist) stated, We do offer Covid vaccinations for staff and residents yearly. Most of the time staff goes to local pharmacies to get theirs. Most of them do not take vaccination when we offer it. I have a flu/covid clinic scheduled for next week for staff and residents.</p> <p>On 10/22/24 at 1:54 PM, V8, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), stated, 'I refused the Covid vaccination last year. The last one I received was in 2022. I did not sign a declination.</p> <p>On 10/22/24 at 1:55 PM, V2 stated, We offer Covid and Flu vaccines to staff but we do not keep record of refusals or education. Most of staff go to local pharmacies if they want the vaccine.</p> <p>On 10/23/24 at 10:09 AM, V9 (Social Worker) stated, We are offered Covid and flu shots each year. I do not remember if we have to sign anything. They do an in-service on flu and Covid.</p> <p>On 10/23/24 at 10:19 AM, V5, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), stated, I submitted my documentation for flu and Covid vaccinations before I started. They have not offered or given me education on Covid 19 yet. I do not know if they offer it.</p> <p>On 10/23/24 at 10:22 AM, V6, CNA, stated, In the beginning of Covid they offered Covid and flu. They offer flu immunization each year. The last time they offered Covid was about last year or year before. They educate us on both by in-service. I got all the Covid shots, so I signed a consent. If we declined, we had to sign a refusal. I have not receive any education this year or offered Covid 19 vaccine this year.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</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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