

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 145996	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/02/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Aperion Care Hillside		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 323 Oakridge Avenue Hillside, IL 60162	

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(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (Each deficiency must be preceded by full regulatory or LSC identifying information)
<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>39340</p> <p>Based on observation, interview and record review, the facility failed to follow their medical waste disposal policy by not securely sealing seven full biohazard sharps containers, failed to place thirty-seven full sharps container in a biohazardous waste container and failed to store biohazardous waste containers in a secure area until removed by contract service personnel for final disposal. This has the potential to affect all 58 residents at the facility.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>On 4/26/24 at 12:13PM observations in the soiled linen room. There were 37 full sharps containers of which seven sharps' containers were not secured and sealed, which had the potential for sharp medical waste to come out. Sharps containers were observed on a shelf above the biohazard bin, on the floor, on the counter and placed on top of the biohazard bin. The biohazard bin that was in the soiled utility room was about 1/4 full of what appeared to be garbage. There were no sharp containers in the bin. V4 (Housekeeping) filled two and half biohazard bins of sharp containers. V4 said they are supposed to check bins three times a week but have not been.</p> <p>On 4/26/24 at 12:35PM, observations outside the facility in the back/alley area near dumpsters. There were ten biohazard bins with lids lined up on the concrete in the middle of the alley with no additional coverage or protection from rain/wind. The bins did not have any locks or any other locking device to ensure pests or people could not access the containers. V5 (Maintenance Director) said a contracted company picked up biohazard waste on 4/23/24. When asked why they did not check the soiled linen room with sharp containers, V5 said they just forgot.</p> <p>On 4/30/24 at 12:35PM, V2 (DON) said, when the biohazard sharps containers (red plastic containers used to collect biohazard sharps as needed, scalpels, needles and razor blades for disposal) are full, they should be sealed and stored directly in a red bin (biohazard container) with the lid secure. It is not the facility practice to pile up the sharp containers due to safety like to prevent needle sticks.</p> <p>On 4/30/24 at 12:38PM, a metal mobile storage container was observed outside on the side of the facility, in an alley, near a dumpster, door closed with the metal latch, unsecure and without a lock. V5 (Maintenance Director) said, the sharp containers were placed in the mobile storage container, so the sharps bins would not be out in the open and to prevent access from anyone walking by. V5 said, he was putting sharps containers in the mobile storage unit and did not lock it.</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.

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>On 5/1/24 at 2:00PM, V1(Administrator) said the nurse has access to the soil utility room where the sharps containers are located. The nurse was supposed to inform V5 if the sharps containers are full and need to be emptied. V5 can also check the soiled utility room. Sharps containers was stored outside the facility next to the shed. They should have been in the secure trailer to prevent anyone access to the contents inside of the containers.</p> <p>On 5/1/24 at 3:58pm, V1 said, the secure storage container should be locked.</p> <p>Medical Waste Disposal Policy dated 11/28/12 documents: To provide for the safe and sanitary disposal of solid waste, including dressings, needles, syringes and similar items. Definition of Medical Disposal-contaminated sharps or contaminated objects that could potentially become contaminated. Type I (Medical) waste shall include: Sharps - needles and syringes, intravenous needles, lancets, scalpel blades and razor blades contaminated with blood. Type I waste shall be placed in a non-porous hazardous waste container marked with biohazard symbol. When full, the container will be securely sealed, labeled and removed from medication room and placed in biohazardous waste container in the soiled utility room. Housekeeping is responsible for disposing of container when they are 2/3 full in the area designated for storage of hazardous waste.</p> <p>According to the centers for disease control, Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities documents: Health-care facilities are instructed to dispose medical wastes regularly to avoid accumulation. Medical wastes requiring storage should be kept in labeled, leak-proof, puncture-resistant containers under conditions that minimize or prevent foul odors. The storage area should be well ventilated and be inaccessible to pests.</p> <p>Facility census on 4/26/24 documents: 58 residents.</p>		