

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  175418	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  03/10/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  Providence Living Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  1112 SE Republican Avenue Topeka, KS 66607	
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<p>F 0761</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</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><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> The facility identified a census of 69 residents. The sample included three residents. Based on record review, observation, and interview, the facility failed to ensure medications were secured and inaccessible to residents. On 02/11/26 at 07:55 PM, the pharmacy delivered three bags of medications to the facility, which included one white bag, one blue bag, and one red bag. The red bag contained 90 tablets (tabs) of alprazolam (a medication used to treat anxiety, panic disorders, and depression) and 90 tabs of lorazepam (a medication used to treat anxiety, insomnia, and seizure disorders). Licensed Nurse (LN) G took possession of the medications and left them in the nurse's station without securing them. At 09:55 PM, Resident (R) 1 and R2 identified the nurse's station was unmanned. R2 went into the unsupervised, unsecured area, obtained some drinking cups, and at the request of R1 took the red bag of medications. R2 then gave the bag of medications to R1. R1 took the pills back to his room and at an unknown time, ingested 14 alprazolam and 18 lorazepam. Early the next morning, on 02/12/26 at 12:40 AM, R1 was lethargic, could not speak, and had repeated episodes of vomiting. R1 went to the hospital, where he was intubated (a critical medical procedure involving the insertion of a tube into the windpipe to maintain an open airway, deliver oxygen, and connect patients to a mechanical ventilator (a machine used when a patient cannot breath on their own.) and treated for aspiration pneumonia (an inflammatory condition of the lungs caused by inhaling foreign material or vomit) due to inhalation of vomit. Findings included:- R1's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) documented R1 had diagnoses of schizophrenia (mental disorder characterized by gross distortion of reality, disturbances of language and communication and fragmentation of thought), anxiety (mental or emotional reaction characterized by apprehension, uncertainty and irrational fear), suicidal ideation (thoughts of death or harm to self), and major depressive disorder (major mood disorder which causes persistent feelings of sadness). R1's Quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS), dated 01/12/26, documented R1 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status score of 15, which indicated intact cognition. The MDS documented R1 had a total mood severity score of 24, which indicated severe depression. R1 had hallucinations, delusions, and rejection of care during the look-back period. R1 was independent for all activities of daily living (ADLs). The MDS documented R1 received anti-psychotic (class of medications used to treat major mental conditions which cause a break from reality) medications, anti-anxiety (class of medications that calm and relax people) medications, and anti-depressant (class of medications used to treat mood disorders) medications during the look-back period. The Cognitive Loss/Dementia Care Area Assessment (CAA), dated 03/26/25, documented R1 had multiple comorbidities (the presence of one or more additional conditions co-occurring with a primary disease). The CAA documented R1 had wandering behaviors and a diagnosis of schizophrenia. The Care Plan, dated 12/24/25, documented R1 experienced trauma-related distress, hallucinations, and substance use which exacerbated suicidal thoughts. The care plan directed staff to monitor grief cues, hallucinations, intoxication/withdrawals as triggers and to initiate immediate safety supports and redirection (12/24/25). The care plan documented R1 experienced intermittent passive suicidal ideation and (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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