

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  185344	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  02/20/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  Perkins Country Manor		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  5269 Asbury Road Augusta, KY 41002	
For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.			
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<p>F 0761</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</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>51155</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, record review, and facility policy review, the facility failed to ensure drugs and biologicals used in the facility were stored in accordance with currently accepted professional principles.</p> <p>Observation on 02/18/2025, revealed the facility was unable to demonstrate the temperature in the medication refrigerator was within acceptable limits after two thermometers were malfunctioning. On 02/19/2025, observation revealed the thermometer read 50 degrees Fahrenheit (F). This had the potential to affect all residents in the facility, with a census of 25.</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>Review of the facility's policy titled, Storage of Medication Requiring Refrigeration, dated 12/01/2024, stated, It is the policy of this facility to assure proper and safe storage of medication requiring refrigeration and to prevent the potential alteration of medication by exposure to improper temperature controls. Further review revealed the policy also stated, The facility will ensure that all medications and biologicals will be stored at proper temperatures and other appropriate environmental controls according to manufacturer's recommendations to preserve their integrity. The policy also revealed that refrigerated meant the medication needed to be maintained at a temperature of between 36 to 46 degrees F as measured by an accurate, functioning thermometer. Per the policy, the medication refrigerator temperature was to be monitored daily to ensure proper temperature control and documented on the temperature log with date, time, and signature of person performing the check clearly written.</p> <p>Review of the facility's document Med Area Audit Details, dated 02/17/2025, revealed the facility's pharmacy staff performed an audit on 02/17/2025. Per the document, the medication refrigerator temperature was Satisfactory, with a temperature between 36 to 46 degrees F.</p> <p>Review of the facility's document Refrigerator/Freezer Temperature Log revealed a consistent 40 degrees F temperature was documented for the months of January 2025 and most of February 2025, with 42 degrees F documented for 02/18/2025.</p> <p>Observation on 02/18/2025 at 3:00 PM, revealed Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) 1 was unable to locate a thermometer in the medication refrigerator.</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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<p>F 0761</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Observation on 02/18/2025 at 3:30 PM, revealed the thermometer was located in the back of the refrigerator, behind all the medications, stuck in a block of ice.</p> <p>Observation on 02/18/2025 at 4:00 PM, revealed the temperature on the refrigerator's thermometer read 20 degrees F, although the medications were not frozen. The medication refrigerator's temperature was rechecked at 4:30 PM, and the thermometer continued to read 20 degrees F.</p> <p>Observation on 02/19/2025 at 1:10 PM, revealed the medication refrigerator's thermometer read 50 degrees F. LPN1 stated a new thermometer was placed yesterday. Further observation revealed a different thermometer (third thermometer) was placed in the medication refrigerator at this time.</p> <p>Observation on 02/19/2025 at 2:29 PM revealed the medication refrigerator's new (third) thermometer temperature read 50 degrees F.</p> <p>During an interview on 02/18/2025 at 3:00 PM with LPN1, she stated night shift staff was responsible for checking medication refrigerator temperatures and documenting them. LPN1 stated she was new to the facility, and this was the first time she had ever accessed the medication refrigerator. LPN1 stated keeping the medications within the correct temperature parameters was important to prevent medications from going bad.</p> <p>During an interview on 02/19/2025 at 3:24 PM with the Pharmacy Account Manager, she stated she audited the medication cart and medication refrigerator quarterly, with the last audit being on 02/17/2025. She stated, for the medication refrigerator during the audit, she usually has to empty the refrigerator because it's pretty full. She stated she checked the temperature, made sure there was no ice buildup, and checked all medications for expiration dates. She stated the temperature was between 36 to 46 degrees F on Monday, which was a safe range for all medications stored in the medication refrigerator.</p> <p>During an interview on 02/19/2025 at 3:38 PM with the Registered Pharmacist (RPh), he stated 50 degrees F was too warm for the medications to be used, and staff did not know how long it had been 50 degrees F. He stated medications in the medication refrigerator would need to be replaced. He stated 36-46 degrees F was an acceptable range for six weeks once the medication left the pharmacy.</p> <p>During an interview on 02/20/2025 at 11:36 AM with the Director of Nursing (DON), she stated she had already educated staff and made a new temperature log for the medication refrigerator. She stated the facility had already put another medication refrigerator in place. She stated she spoke to a pharmacist, who said all medications in the medication refrigerator would be fine since it was only a couple of hours of an unknown temperature. She stated it was important to store medications in the appropriate temperature so that the medications were effective.</p> <p>During an interview on 02/20/2025 at 2:50 PM with the Administrator, she stated she expected the medication refrigerator temperature to be checked and the logs to be completed per policy. She stated storing medications at the wrong temperature could take away their effectiveness.</p>		