

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  675533	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  05/07/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  Juniper Village at Spicewood Summit		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  4401 Spicewood Springs Rd Austin, TX 78759	

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>49410</p> <p>Based on observation and interview the facility failed to ensure the resident environment remained as free of accident hazards as possible for 1 (Hall 100-A to 108A) of 3 halls reviewed for environment.</p> <p>The facility failed to remove an exposed blood soiled scalpel, needle, syringe, and 2 lancets from an unlocked and opened metal sharps container holder with no red, puncture resistant, leak-proof safety container insert on a wound treatment cart.</p> <p>This failure could place residents and staff at risk for injury.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>An observation on 05/07/24 at 11:15 AM on Hall 100-A to 108-A a wound treatment cart was seen with its metal biohazard sharps containment door unlocked and wide open; there was not a red, puncture resistant, leakproof safety container insert in the metal containment and there were 5 items observed sitting at the bottom of the metal exposed containment which included an exposed size 15 scalpel with blood visible on the blade, 2 lancets, a needle, and a used medication syringe. The bottom of the metal container and its door were soiled with a dark yellow substance that appeared tacky and viscous in texture .</p> <p>An observation and interview with the ADON on 05/07/24 at 11:23 AM revealed that the ADON and wound care physician were doing wound care rounds and the ADON stated it was the wound care physician who placed the sharps items in the unlocked open containment box. The ADON stated it was her expectation that all metal containments on the med carts or wound treatment carts remain secured (locked) and hold a red, puncture resistant, leak-proof safety container insert were sharps can be safely disposed of. The ADON stated that any of the nurses can replace the red inserts and dispose of full containers properly in the biohazard room. She stated she should have caught that considering she was doing the wound treatment rounds that day with the wound treatment doctor which happens every Tuesday. The ADON stated that a potential negative outcome to residents by leaving sharps in an open unsecured location is the potential for somebody to get a hold of them which would lead to an accidental stick or injury. The ADON was observed pushing the wound treatment cart to the nurse's station where she said she would dispose of the sharps items properly and clean the metal containment bin.</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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