

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 675729	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 01/15/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Stonecreek Nursing & Rehabilitation		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 451 S El Camino Crossing San Augustine, TX 75972	

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<p>F 0839</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Employ staff that are licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with state laws.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 46273</p> <p>Based on interview and record review the facility failed to ensure professional staff were licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with applicable State laws for 2 of 16 licensed nursing staff (ADON and RN A) reviewed for staff qualifications.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The facility failed to ensure the ADON's nursing license was not expired between [DATE] and [DATE]. 2. The facility failed to ensure RN A's nursing license did not expire as of [DATE]. <p>These failures could place residents at risk for not receiving nursing services by a licensed nurse.</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>Record review of a personnel file for the facility indicated the ADON had been employed at the facility since [DATE] with an LVN nursing license. A copy of the Texas Board of Nursing license verification provided by the facility for the ADON indicated her license was current through [DATE].</p> <p>Record review of the Texas Board of Nursing license verification dated [DATE] indicated the ADON was originally issued an LVN license on [DATE] and current issue date was [DATE] with an expiration date of [DATE].</p> <p>Record review of a personnel file for the facility indicated RN A had been employed at the facility since [DATE] with an RN license. A copy of the Texas Board of Nursing license verification report dated [DATE] for RN A provided by the facility indicated her RN license would expire on [DATE]. The facility did not provide a verification check after that date.</p> <p>Record review of the Texas Board of Nursing license verification, dated [DATE], indicated RN A was originally issued an RN license on [DATE] and the license was currently delinquent with an expiration date of [DATE].</p> <p>Record review of the facility's form titled Verbal Warning Record, dated [DATE], indicated RN A received verbal warning for practicing without a valid nursing license and read .employee was informed via phone by admin & DON she would be suspended until her license is reinstated. We will re-evaluate once it is renewed and was signed by the Administrator.</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 0839</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on [DATE] at 1:30 PM, the Administrator said during the process of getting the requested employees' information it was discovered one of the nurses chosen, RN A, had a license that expired in October of 2023. She said they ran all the other nursing staff today to ensure compliance and they had not found any other expired licenses. She said RN A had been taken off the schedule effective immediately and terminated until she was licensed. The Administrator said the BOM was responsible for checking nursing licenses.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 3:40 PM, the DON said she was aware the ADON's license had expired because when the ADON realized it, she had come to her in a panic. The DON said she went through everything and made sure the ADON had not worked the floor and had not done any resident documentation. She said the Administrator was out that day and she did not report it to Administrator. She said the BOM was responsible for checking nursing licenses, but she just started doing them this month, the Administrator had been doing them prior.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 10:00 AM, the Administrator said she had been responsible for pulling licenses and background checks annually for nurses until August of 2023 when she handed it over to the BOM. She said RN A's license was current when she last checked in August of 2023. She said she had been checking the nursing licenses once a year. She said maybe she didn't train the BOM effectively and BOM did not know the background checks included the nursing licenses. She said it was ultimately her (administrator)'s responsibility to ensure the nursing licenses were current.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 10:15 AM, the BOM said she was responsible for running criminal background checks, OIG, EMR and NAR checks before hire and annually. She said she did not know she was also supposed to be verifying the nursing license as well. She said she learned that at the beginning of this month. She said going forward she would run them with the annual background checks. She said she would create some sort of system to check them monthly as well. She said she could not really think of any harm that could come to residents as a result of being cared for by unlicensed nurses.</p> <p>During a telephone interview on [DATE] at 11:40 AM, RN A said she thought she had renewed her license. She said she remembered renewing it and remembered paying her fee and she just never thought anything else about it. She said she did not know until the facility called her yesterday to let her know. She said she had since gone through all her bank statements but could not find any record of payment. She said she was working now on getting her license renewed. She said she could not think of any risks to residents by being cared for by an unlicensed nurse.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 1:10 PM, the DON said there were many risks to residents if they were cared for by unlicensed nurses. She said there could be a reason why they were not licensed, incorrect medications could be given, incorrect care could be provided. She said there was a reason for nurses to be licensed and went through the process of obtaining a license. She said going forward, licenses would be checked upon hire and annually. She said she would personally ensure all her nursing staff was licensed. She said she did not tell the Administrator about the ADON's license at the time, and she knew now that she should have done that.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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