

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 675764	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/22/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Spring Branch Transitional Care Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1615 Hillendahl Rd Houston, TX 77055	

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<p>F 0906</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Provide enough power supply for lighting all entrances and exits; equipment for fire detection and alarm systems, and extinguishers.</p> <p>37059</p> <p>Based on observation , interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure when life support systems are used, an emergency electrical power system with an emergency generator located on the premises was provided to supply power adequate for life support systems in the event the normal electrical supply is interrupted for 1 of 1 facility reviewed for emergency electrical power in that;</p> <p>The facility staff failed to monitor the generator fuel burn rate on 5/19/24 -5/20/24 based on the energy that was used.</p> <p>The facility failed to have emergency power for 3 hours during a power outage after a natural disaster on 5/20/24.</p> <p>This failure could place residents at risk for diminished quality of life for lack of emergency power.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Record review of fuel delivery ticket dated 5/20/24 (unload time 9:15 AM - 9:40 AM) revealed 550 gallons of fuel was delivered to the facility for the generator.</p> <p>In an interview on 5/22/24 at 9:45 AM, Resident #1 said the power went out originally on Thursday (5/16/24) and the generator took over immediately. She said the power continued until approximately 6:30 AM Monday (5/20/24) the power went out. She said she was told the generator stopped working but it came back on around 9:00 AM on 5/20/24. She said she used an air mattress, and it deflated when the power went out on Monday morning (5/20/24). She said she declined to be moved and asked for the bed to be manually lowered flat.</p> <p>Observation on 5/22/24 at 10:45 AM of the facility generator, with the Maintenance Director, to view if the generator had a burn time indicator. The generator had a fuel indicator but there was not a time countdown to how much time was left.</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 0906</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>In an interview on 5/22/24 at 10:20 AM, with the Maintenance Director said the generator ran out of fuel approximately 6:30 AM on 5/20/24 . He said he tried ordering extra fuel on the day before, but the vendor did not respond. He said the extra portable a/c units, that were using the emergency generator power, used more fuel and energy than he expected. He said after he was not able to contact the vendor for more fuel, he did not consider conserving power. He said, we had no idea we were going to run out. He said the generator had display to indicate how much fuel is left, but he did not calculate how much longer the fuel would last. He said the facility tried to keep the residents cool as possible and did not factor in how much power the newly purchased portable a/c units would run the fuel down. He said the nursing staff would know how the residents would be affected without power.</p> <p>In an interview on 5/22/24 at 10:49 AM, with the Administrator said the generator was filled to capacity on Friday (5/17/2024) with an added 300 gallons that was delivered. He said the generator ran until early Monday morning (5/20/24). He said he last checked the generator fuel on Sunday (5/19/24) at approximately 3:00 PM and it was at 1/3 of a tank left. He said he asked the Maintenance Director, who assured him it would last for the next 24 hours. He said he was not sure of the time the generator stopped but it was between 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM. He said, we put more of a load on the generator with the portable a/c units and it ran the diesel fuel down faster than we expected. The Administrator said he purchased new a/c units after the storm knocked out the power grids on 5/16/24 across the city. He said the generator ran out of fuel on 5/20/24 between 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM and left the facility without emergency power for approximately 3 hours until it was refilled at 9:15 AM .</p> <p>In an interview on 5/22/24 at 11:08 AM with the DON said when the power went out on Monday at approximately 6:00 AM, the facility had to address the resident that would be affected by the power outage. He said the residents with pressure ulcers and used an air mattress had to be moved from the deflated beds or placed on regular mattresses. He said the residents who used concentrators had to be switched to portable oxygen tanks. He said the residents with pressure ulcers were at risk for wounds to have worsened. He said he was not sure how long the portable oxygen tanks would have lasted.</p> <p>In an interview on 5/22/24 at 1:19 PM with the Fuel Vendor said he filled the generator's fuel tank up on 5/16/24 to capacity. He said when he returned on Monday (5/20/24) the generator's fuel was empty. He said the generator display did not indicate how many hours was left but there is a gauge that indicated how much fuel was left. He said the burn rate of the fuel depended on what was connected to the generator and how fast the fuel was used. He said the more that is connected the faster the fuel was used.</p> <p>Record review of facility document Oxygen, Air Mattress and Dialysis Resident (not dated) revealed the facility had 4 Residents - Used oxygen concentrators, 9 Residents - used air mattresses, and 4 Resident - on dialysis.</p> <p>Record review of facility policy on Extended Power Outages (dated 10/30/2016) revealed the following in part:</p> <p>.a loss of electric utility services is more than a nuisance. For a frail and compromised population .the impact of an extended loss of electric service can be fatal . Utility service can be interrupted by natural disasters .or damage to power transmission systems.</p> <p>.Response:</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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