



Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Inspection Report under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007

Ministère de la Santé et des Soins de longue durée

Rapport d'inspection prévue le Loi de 2007 les foyers de soins de longue

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Licensee/Titulaire de permis

NIAGARA HEALTH SYSTEM
63 THIRD STREET, WELLAND HOSPITAL SITE, WELLAND, ON, L3B-4W6

Long-Term Care Home/Foyer de soins de longue durée

NIAGARA HEALTH SYSTEM, WELLAND HOSPITAL SITE, EXTENDED CARE UNIT
155 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2R-5K3

Name of Inspector(s)/Nom de l'inspecteur ou des inspecteurs

GILLIAN HUNTER (130)

Inspection Summary/Résumé de l'inspection

The purpose of this inspection was to conduct a Complaint inspection.

During the course of the inspection, the inspector(s) spoke with The Administrator, Director of Care, registered staff, personal support workers and an identified resident and family member related to H-002011. (Previously logged as H-1880-11

During the course of the inspection, the inspector(s) interviewed staff, observed meal service, observed residents and reviewed clinical records.

The following Inspection Protocols were used during this inspection:

Personal Support Services

Findings of Non-Compliance were found during this inspection.

NON-COMPLIANCE / NON-RESPECT DES EXIGENCES



<p>Legend</p> <p>WN – Written Notification  VPC – Voluntary Plan of Correction  DR – Director Referral  CO – Compliance Order  WAO – Work and Activity Order</p>	<p>Legendé</p> <p>WN – Avis écrit  VPC – Plan de redressement volontaire  DR – Aiguillage au directeur  CO – Ordre de conformité  WAO – Ordres : travaux et activités</p>
<p>Non-compliance with requirements under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 (LTCHA) was found. (A requirement under the LTCHA includes the requirements contained in the items listed in the definition of "requirement under this Act" in subsection 2(1) of the LTCHA.)</p> <p>The following constitutes written notification of non-compliance under paragraph 1 of section 152 of the LTCHA.</p>	<p>Le non-respect des exigences de la Loi de 2007 sur les foyers de soins de longue durée (LFSLD) a été constaté. (Une exigence de la loi comprend les exigences qui font partie des éléments énumérés dans la définition de « exigence prévue par la présente loi », au paragraphe 2(1) de la LFSLD.</p> <p>Ce qui suit constitue un avis écrit de non-respect aux termes du paragraphe 1 de l'article 152 de la LFSLD.</p>

**WN #1: The Licensee has failed to comply with O.Reg 79/10, s. 24. 24-hour admission care plan**  
Specifically failed to comply with the following subsections:

**s. 24. (1) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that a 24-hour admission care plan is developed for each resident and communicated to direct care staff within 24 hours of the resident's admission to the home. O. Reg. 79/10, s. 24 (1).**

**Findings/Faits saillants :**

The licensee of the long-term care home did not ensure that a 24-hour admission care plan was developed for each resident and communicated to direct staff within 24 hours of the resident's admission to the home. An identified resident was admitted to the home in 2011. The "resident profile information" otherwise known in the home as the 24-hour admission care plan, did not identify the level of assistance required for activities such as: hygiene and grooming, eating, toileting, transferring and dressing, 7 days post admission date. The plan identified the resident as incontinent of bowel and bladder, however there were no specific directions for staff related to incontinent product use and the toileting routine. The plan identified the resident as at risk for falls, however, there were no interventions or strategies identified to mitigate fall risk. The plan did not identify safety measures such as: type of bed rail use while in bed and restraint use, despite an identified need. The document known as the "point click " care plan identified the resident had alteration in skin integrity, however, there were no nursing interventions or strategies identified to promote skin integrity.

**Additional Required Actions:**

**VPC - pursuant to the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007, S.O. 2007, c.8, s.152(2) the licensee is hereby requested to prepare a written plan of correction for achieving compliance to ensure that a 24-hour admission care plan is developed for each resident and communicated to direct care staff within a 24 hours of the resident's admission to the home, to be implemented voluntarily.**

**WN #2: The Licensee has failed to comply with O.Reg 79/10, s. 50. Skin and wound care**

Specifically failed to comply with the following subsections:

s. 50. (2) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that,

(a) a resident at risk of altered skin integrity receives a skin assessment by a member of the registered nursing staff,

(i) within 24 hours of the resident's admission,

(ii) upon any return of the resident from hospital, and

(iii) upon any return of the resident from an absence of greater than 24 hours;

(b) a resident exhibiting altered skin integrity, including skin breakdown, pressure ulcers, skin tears or wounds,

(i) receives a skin assessment by a member of the registered nursing staff, using a clinically appropriate assessment instrument that is specifically designed for skin and wound assessment,

(ii) receives immediate treatment and interventions to reduce or relieve pain, promote healing, and prevent infection, as required,

(iii) is assessed by a registered dietitian who is a member of the staff of the home, and any changes made to the resident's plan of care relating to nutrition and hydration are implemented, and

(iv) is reassessed at least weekly by a member of the registered nursing staff, if clinically indicated;

(c) the equipment, supplies, devices and positioning aids referred to in subsection (1) are readily available at the home as required to relieve pressure, treat pressure ulcers, skin tears or wounds and promote healing; and

(d) any resident who is dependent on staff for repositioning is repositioned every two hours or more frequently as required depending upon the resident's condition and tolerance of tissue load, except that a resident shall only be repositioned while asleep if clinically indicated. O. Reg. 79/10, s. 50 (2).

**Findings/Faits saillants :**

The licensee did not ensure that any resident who is dependent on staff for repositioning is repositioned every two hours or more frequently as required depending upon the resident's condition and tolerance of tissue load. An identified resident was admitted to the home in 2011 and according to the plan of care was totally dependent on staff for repositioning. An identified witness reported the resident was not repositioned and or toileted on the day of admission for an identified number of hours. This was verified through documentation records and staff interviews.

**Additional Required Actions:**

*VPC - pursuant to the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007, S.O. 2007, c.8, s.152(2) the licensee is hereby requested to prepare a written plan of correction for achieving compliance to ensure that every resident who is dependent on staff for repositioning is repositioned every two hours or more frequently as required depending upon the resident's condition and tolerance of tissue load, except that a resident shall only be repositioned while asleep if clinically indicated., to be implemented voluntarily.*

**WN #3: The Licensee has failed to comply with LTCHA, 2007 S.O. 2007, c.8, s. 6. Plan of care**

Specifically failed to comply with the following subsections:

s. 6. (7) The licensee shall ensure that the care set out in the plan of care is provided to the resident as specified in the plan. 2007, c. 8, s. 6 (7).

**Findings/Faits saillants :**

The licensee did not ensure that the care set out in the plan was provided to the resident as specified in the plan. In 2011 an identified resident was served a meal tray containing the incorrect textured meal, despite a physician's order indicating the resident requires a different texture. Documentation and staff statements verified the resident received the incorrect diet texture.

**WN #4: The Licensee has failed to comply with O.Reg 79/10, s. 8. Policies, etc., to be followed, and records**

Specifically failed to comply with the following subsections:

s. 8. (1) Where the Act or this Regulation requires the licensee of a long-term care home to have, institute or otherwise put in place any plan, policy, protocol, procedure, strategy or system, the licensee is required to ensure that the plan, policy, protocol, procedure, strategy or system,  
(a) is in compliance with and is implemented in accordance with applicable requirements under the Act; and  
(b) is complied with. O. Reg. 79/10, s. 8 (1).

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**Findings/Faits saillants :**

The licensee did not ensure that every plan, policy, protocol, procedure, strategy or system is complied with. Staff did not document according to the home's policy titled "Interprofessional Documentation Focus Methodology and Standards" 5.2 The Health Care Professional who provides direct patient care (b) Is dedicated to ensuring that there will be clear, complete and accurate documentation in a patient health record, one that provides a reliable, permanent record of patient information from admission to discharge.

The "admission/readmission assessment", known in the home as the head to toe assessment, indicates an identified resident was assessed in the home in 2011 at an identified time. It was verified by the Administrator and the registered nurse who completed the assessment that the time recorded on the assessment is inaccurate, that in fact the resident was not admitted to the home until after the identified time recorded on the assessment.

The "physical restraint flow sheet" reviewed for an identified resident was completed for care provided for an identified period of time in 2011. The documentation was completed in advance of the provision of care.

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**WN #5: The Licensee has failed to comply with O.Reg 79/10, s. 51. Continence care and bowel management**

Specifically failed to comply with the following subsections:

s. 51. (2) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that,  
(a) each resident who is incontinent receives an assessment that includes identification of causal factors, patterns, type of incontinence and potential to restore function with specific interventions, and that where the condition or circumstances of the resident require, an assessment is conducted using a clinically appropriate assessment instrument that is specifically designed for assessment of incontinence;  
(b) each resident who is incontinent has an individualized plan, as part of his or her plan of care, to promote and manage bowel and bladder continence based on the assessment and that the plan is implemented;  
(c) each resident who is unable to toilet independently some or all of the time receives assistance from staff to manage and maintain continence;  
(d) each resident who is incontinent and has been assessed as being potentially continent or continent some of the time receives the assistance and support from staff to become continent or continent some of the time;  
(e) continence care products are not used as an alternative to providing assistance to a person to toilet;  
(f) there are a range of continence care products available and accessible to residents and staff at all times, and in sufficient quantities for all required changes;  
(g) residents who require continence care products have sufficient changes to remain clean, dry and comfortable; and  
(h) residents are provided with a range of continence care products that,  
(i) are based on their individual assessed needs,  
(ii) properly fit the residents,  
(iii) promote resident comfort, ease of use, dignity and good skin integrity,  
(iv) promote continued independence wherever possible, and  
(v) are appropriate for the time of day, and for the individual resident's type of incontinence. O. Reg. 79/10, s. 51 (2).

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**Findings/Faits saillants :**



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The licensee did not ensure that residents who require continence care products have sufficient changes to remain clean, dry and comfortable. In 2011, it was reported that an identified resident was not toileted nor was continence care provided for an identified number of hours. Documentation and staff statements verified that continence care was not provided.

**Additional Required Actions:**

***VPC - pursuant to the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007, S.O. 2007, c.8, s.152(2) the licensee is hereby requested to prepare a written plan of correction for achieving compliance to ensure that every resident who requires continence care products have sufficient changes to remain clean, dry and comfortable, to be implemented voluntarily.***

Issued on this 7th day of February, 2012

Signature of Inspector(s)/Signature de l'inspecteur ou des inspecteurs

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shacey", written in black ink on a white background.