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In Re Licensure Violation:

JUNIPER VILLAGE AT WILLIAMSTOWN

(NJ Facility ID# NJ35A005)

DIRECTED PLAN OF CORRECTION

TO: Erika Gagliardi, Administrator
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As more fully detailed below, the New Jersey Department of Health (the Department) is issuing to Juniper Village at Williamstown (Juniper Village) a Directed Plan of Correction requiring staff training in the areas of medication administration and infection control.

The Health Care Facilities Planning Act (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.) (the Act) provides a statutory scheme designed to ensure that all health care facilities are of the highest quality. Pursuant to the Act and N.J.A.C. 8:43E-1.1 et seq. (General Licensure Procedures and Standards Applicable to All Licensed Facilities), the Commissioner of Health is authorized to inspect all health care facilities and to enforce the Standards for Licensure of Assisted Living Residences, Comprehensive Personal Care Homes, and Assisted Living Programs set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:36-1.1 et seq.

LICENSURE VIOLATIONS

Staff from the Department's Health Facility, Survey and Field Operations unit were on-site at Juniper Village on November 7, 2024, for a complaint investigation and state re-licensure survey. During this survey, the surveyors identified multiple state violations, which include:

- The facility failed to ensure that medications were being administered accurately and that administration was documented in a timely manner resulting in a mis-recorded insulin level. <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:36-11.5(f).
- The facility failed to ensure that certified medication aides acted within their scope of practice when
 a certified medication aide administered a Dupixent injection. Administration of this medication is
 the non-delegable responsibility of the registered professional nurse. N.J.A.C. 8:36-11.5(a) and
 11.5(b)(3).

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- The facility failed to ensure that staff properly disinfected reusable medical equipment (glucometers) and that staff sterilized the resident's injection site (a portal of entry for pathogenic microorganisms).
 N.J.A.C. 8:36-18.3(a)(7)i- iv.
- The facility failed to ensure that staff performed proper hand hygiene after handling bodily fluids (between blood sugar checks). N.J.A.C. 8:36-18.4(j).

As a result of these violations, all residents in the facility are at an immediate and serious risk of harm.

DIRECTED PLAN OF CORRECTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Health hereby directs the following plan of correction:

- The facility's Director of Nursing shall provide in-service training to certified medication aides as follows:
 - a. The scope of practice for certified medication aides, including limitations on the scope of practice.
 - b. Medication administration, including, but not limited to, sterilization of injection sites and timely documentation (i.e., documentation in real time).
- 2. The facility's Director of Nursing shall provide in-service training to all direct care staff, including, but not limited to, certified medication aides, as follows:
 - a. Hand hygiene.
 - b. Sterilization, disinfection, and cleaning practices and techniques for reusable medical equipment.
- 3. The facility shall complete the training delineated above within 14 days and shall provide the Department with evidence that the training was completed, staff were tested for competency and training was documented and signed off on by the Director of Nursing. The training documentation should be sent to Andrea.McCrayreid@doh.nj.gov and Erica.Barber@doh.nj.gov.
- 4. The facility's Director of Nursing shall conduct daily audits for two weeks following completion of training to ensure that 1) certified medication aides are acting within the scope of their practice, administering medication properly and timely documenting the administration and 2) all direct care staff are complying with infection control practices consistent with the hand hygiene and reusable medical equipment training. Documentation of the results of the daily audits should be sent to Andrea.McCrayreid@doh.ni.gov and Erica.Barber@doh.ni.gov.

Department staff will monitor facility compliance with this Directed Plan of Correction and whether corrective measures are implemented by the facility in a timely fashion. Failure to comply with these and any other applicable requirements, as set forth in pertinent rules and regulations, may result in the imposition of penalties.

The Directed Plan of Correction shall remain in place until the facility is otherwise notified in writing by a representative of this Department.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions concerning the Directed Plan of Correction, please contact Nadine Jackman, Office of Program Compliance, at Nadine.Jackman@doh.nj.gov.

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Sincerely,

Gene Rosenblum, Director
Office of Program Compliance

Office of Program Compliance Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing

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