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{A 000}	Initial Comments The following deficiencies were cited during a Revisit/Follow-up survey completed on 12/23/21 for the state requirements of 7 NMAC 8.2, Regulations for Assisted Living.	{A 000}		
{A 068}	7 NMAC 8.2.68 Hospice HOSPICE: An assisted living facility that provides or coordinates hospice care and services shall meet the requirements in this section, in addition to the rules applicable to all assisted living facilities, 7.8.2 NMAC. A. Definitions: in addition to the requirements for all assisted living facilities pursuant to " DEFINITIONS, " 7.8.2.7 NMAC, the following definitions shall also apply. (1) " Hospice agency " means an organization, company, for-profit or non-profit corporation or any other entity which provides a coordinated program of palliative and supportive services for physical, psychological, social and the option of spiritual care of terminally ill people and their families. The services are provided by a medically directed interdisciplinary team in the person's home and the agency is required to be licensed pursuant to 7.12 NMAC. (2) " Hospice care " means a focus on palliative, rather than curative care. The goal of the plan of care is to help the patient live as comfortably as possible, with emphasis on eliminating or decreasing pain and other uncomfortable symptoms. (3) " Licensed assisted living provider " means a facility that provides twenty-four (24) hour assisted living and is licensed by the department of health. (4) " Hospice services " means a program of palliative and supportive services which provides physical, psychological, social and spiritual care	{A 068}	Plan of correction for 7NMAC 8.2.68 Hospice: All Direct Care Staff(DCS will receive 6 hours of Palliative/Hospice training upon hire and to be repeated annually. All Direct Care Staff(DCS) will receive an additional 1 hour of training specific to a resident individual service plan(ISP) Training will be conducted by Facility Wellness Director/Hospice agency using Medline and facility Administrator will obtain and have on file documentation of initial and ongoing training.	01/06/2022

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{A 068}	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>for terminally ill patients and their family members.</p> <p>(5) " Care coordination requirements " means a written document that outlines the care and services to be provided by the hospice agency for assisted living residents that require hospice services.</p> <p>(6) " Palliative care " means a form of medical care or treatment that is intended to reduce the severity of disease symptoms, rather than to reverse progression of the disease itself or provide a cure.</p> <p>(7) " Terminally ill " means a diagnosis by a physician for a patient with a prognosis of six (6) months or less to live.</p> <p>(8) " Visit notes " means the documentation of the services provided for hospice residents and includes ongoing care coordination.</p> <p>B. Employee training and support. A facility that provides hospice services shall provide the following education and training for employees who assist with providing these services:</p> <p>(1) provide a minimum of six (6) hours per year of palliative/hospice care training, which includes one (1) hour specific to the hospice resident ' s ISP, in addition to the basic staff education requirements pursuant to 7.8.2.17 NMAC; and</p> <p>(2) offer an ongoing employee psychological support program for end of life care issues.</p> <p>C. Individual service plan (ISP) requirements.</p> <p>(1) Each resident who receives hospice services shall be provided the necessary palliative care to meet the individual resident ' s needs as outlined in the ISP and shall include one (1) hour of training specific to the resident for all direct care staff.</p> <p>(2) The assisted living facility, in coordination with the hospice provider, shall create an ISP that identifies how the resident's needs are met and</p>	{A 068}		

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{A 068}	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>resident in accordance with " Exceptions to admission, readmission and retention, " Subsection C of 7.8.2.20 NMAC.</p> <p>(3) Upon admission of a resident into hospice care, the assisted living facility shall designate a section of the resident ' s record for hospice documentation.</p> <p>(a) The facility shall provide individual records for each resident.</p> <p>(b) The hospice agency shall leave documentation at the facility in the designated section of the resident ' s record.</p> <p>(4) The assisted living facility shall provide the resident and family or surrogate decision maker with information on palliative care and shall support the resident ' s freedom of choice with regard to decisions.</p> <p>(5) Hospice services shall be available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week for hospice residents, families and facility staff and may include continuous nursing care for hospice residents as needed. These services shall be delivered in accordance with the resident ' s individual service plan (ISP) and pursuant to 7.8.2 26 NMAC.</p> <p>(6) The assisted living facility shall ensure the coordination of services with the hospice agency.</p> <p>(a) The resident's individual service plan (ISP) shall be updated with significant changes in the resident ' s condition and care needs.</p> <p>(b) The assisted living facility shall receive information and communication from the hospice staff at each visit.</p> <p>(i) The information shall include the resident status and any changes in the ISP (i.e., medication changes, etc.).</p> <p>(ii) The information shall be in the form of a verbal report to the assisted living facility staff and also in the form of written documentation.</p>	{A 068}		
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{A 068}	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>(c) The assisted living facility or the family/resident shall reserve the right to schedule care conferences as the needs of the resident and family dictate. The care conferences shall include all care team members.</p> <p>(d) Concerns that arise with regard to the delivery of services from either the assisted living facility or the hospice agency shall first be addressed with the facility administrator and the hospice agency administrator.</p> <p>(i) The process may be informal or formal depending on the nature of the issue.</p> <p>(ii) If an issue can not be resolved or if there is an immediate danger to the resident the appropriate authority shall be notified.</p> <p>E. Additional provisions. An assisted living facility that provides or coordinates hospice care and services shall make additional provisions for the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) individual services and care: each resident receiving hospice services shall be provided the necessary palliative procedures to meet individual needs as defined in the ISP;</p> <p>(2) private visiting space:</p> <p>(a) physical space for private family visits;</p> <p>(b) accommodations for family members to remain with the patient throughout the night; and</p> <p>(c) accommodations for family privacy after a resident ' s death.</p> <p>F. Medicare and medicaid restrictions. Assisted living facilities shall not accept a resident considered " hospice general inpatient " which would be billable to medicare or medicaid because the facility will not qualify for payment by medicare or medicaid. [7.8.2.68 NMAC - N, 01/15/2010]</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by:</p>	{A 068}		

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{A 068}	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>This is an uncorrected deficiency from survey dated 12/18/19 and 09/24/20</p> <p>7.8.2.68 B (1)</p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure that the Direct Care Staff (DCS) had completed a minimum of six (6) hours per year of palliative/hospice care training. This deficient practice could likely result in the 9 (R #s 1-9) residents identified as receiving hospice care on the resident census list provided by the Health and Wellness Director on 12/20/21, to be at risk of harm or injury if DCS have not received training on the proper methods of providing care and services. The findings are:</p> <p>A. Record review of DCS #3's employee file (date of hire 01/30/18) revealed no documentation of having received 6 hours of palliative/hospice training annually.</p> <p>B. Record review of DCS #4's employee file (date of hire 02/13/19) revealed no documentation of having received 6 hours of palliative/hospice training annually.</p> <p>C. Record review of DCS #8's employee file (date of hire 12/01/20) revealed no documentation of having received 6 hours of palliative/hospice training annually.</p> <p>D. Record review of DCS #13's employee file (date of hire 10/09/18) revealed no documentation of having received 6 hours of palliative/hospice training annually.</p> <p>E. Record review of hospice training records dated 06/06/21 revealed there was no indication</p>	{A 068}		

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{A 068}	Continued From page 6 of how many hours the training was and if it met the required 6 hours of annual training. F. On 12/23/21 at 9:00 am, during an interview with the Administrator, she confirmed that DCS #'s 3, 4, 8, and 13 did not have documentation of having received 6 hours of palliative/hospice training annually. She stated some hospice training has been provided, but the hours of each training were not documented.	{A 068}		
{A 069}	7 NMAC 8.2.69 Memory Care Units MEMORY CARE UNITS: An assisted living facility that provides a memory care unit to serve residents with dementia shall comply with the provisions of subsection A-J below in addition to the rules applicable to all assisted living facilities, 7.8.2 NMAC. A. Additional definitions: The following definitions, in addition to those in 7.8.2.7 NMAC, shall apply. (1) " Alzheimer ' s " means a brain disorder that destroys brain cells, causing problems with memory, thinking and behavior that are severe enough to affect work, lifelong hobbies or social life. Alzheimer ' s gets progressively worse and is fatal. (2) " Care coordination agreement requirement " means a written document that outlines the care and services that are provided by other outside agencies for assisted living residents that require additional care and services. (3) " Dementia " means loss of memory and other mental abilities severe enough to interfere with daily life. It is caused by changes in the brain. (4) " Memory care unit " means an assisted living facility or part of or an assisted living facility that provides added security, enhanced	{A 069}	Plan of Correction For 7NMAC 8.2.69 Memory Care Units All Direct care staff(DCS) will receive the required 12 hrs of Alzheimer's/Dementia training annually. This training will be provided by the facility Wellness Director and the facility Administrator will obtain and have on file documentation of the training for each DCS.	01/06/2022

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{A 069}	<p>Continued From page 7</p> <p>programming and staffing appropriate for residents with a diagnosis of dementia, Alzheimer ' s disease or other related disorders causing memory impairments and for residents whose functional needs require a specialized program.</p> <p>(5) " Secured environment " means locked (secured/monitored) doors/fences that restrict access to the public way for residents who require a secure unit.</p> <p>B. Care coordination requirement. An assisted living facility that accepts residents with memory issues shall determine which additional services and care requirements are relevant to the resident and disease process.</p> <p>(1) The medical diagnosis and ISP shall be utilized in the determination of the need for additional services.</p> <p>(2) The assisted living facility shall ensure the coordination of services and shall have evidence of an agreement of care coordination for all services provided in the facility by an outside health care provider.</p> <p>C. Employee training. In addition to the training requirements for all assisted living facilities, pursuant to 7.8.2.17 NMAC, all employees assisting in providing care for memory unit residents shall have a minimum of twelve (12) hours of training per year related to dementia, Alzheimer ' s disease, or other pertinent information.</p> <p>D. Individual service plan (ISP). An assisted living facility that admits memory care unit residents shall create an ISP in coordination with the resident ' s primary care practitioner, in compliance with the requirements outlined in " Individual Service Plan, " 7.8.2.26 NMAC, pursuant to a team meeting as described in " Exceptions to admission, readmission and retention, " Subsection C of 7.8.2.20 NMAC, and</p>	{A 069}		

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{A 069}	<p>Continued From page 8</p> <p>which ensures the following criteria:</p> <p>(1) identification of the resident's needs specific to the memory care unit and the services that are provided; each memory unit resident shall receive the services necessary to meet the individual resident ' s needs;</p> <p>(2) medications shall be self-administered, self-administered with assistance by an individual that has completed a state approved program in medication assistance or administered by the following individuals:</p> <p>(a) a physician;</p> <p>(b) a physician extender (PA or NP);</p> <p>(c) a licensed nurse (RN or LPN);</p> <p>(d) the resident if their PCP has approved it;</p> <p>(e) family or family designee; and</p> <p>(f) any other individual in accordance with applicable state and local laws.</p> <p>E. Assessments and reevaluations.</p> <p>(1) An assessment shall be completed by a registered nurse or a physician extender within fifteen (15) days prior to admission. When emergency placement is warranted the fifteen (15) day assessment shall be waived and the assessment shall be completed within five (5) days after admission.</p> <p>(a) The resident shall have a medical evaluation and documentation by a physician, physician's assistant or a nurse practitioner within six (6) months of admission.</p> <p>(b) The pre-admission assessment shall include written findings, an evaluation of less restrictive alternatives and the basis for the admission to the secured environment. The written documentation shall include a diagnosis from the resident's PCP of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia and the need for the resident to reside in a memory care unit.</p> <p>(c) Only those residents who require a secured</p>	{A 069}		
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{A 069}	<p>Continued From page 9</p> <p>environment placement or whose needs can be met by the facility, as determined by the assessment prior to admission or on review of the individual service plan (ISP), shall be admitted.</p> <p>(2) A re-evaluation must be completed every six (6) months and when there is a significant change in the medical or physical condition of the resident that warrants intervention or different care needs, or when the resident becomes a danger to self or others, to determine whether the resident ' s stay in the assisted living facility memory care unit is still appropriate.</p> <p>F. Documentation in the resident ' s record. In addition to the required documentation pursuant to 7.8.2.21 NMAC, the following information shall be documented in the resident ' s record:</p> <p>(1) the physician ' s diagnosis for admission to a secure environment or a memory care unit;</p> <p>(2) the pre-admission assessment; and</p> <p>(3) the re-evaluation(s).</p> <p>G. Secured environment.</p> <p>(1) Memory care unit residents may require a secure environment for their safety. A secured environment is any locked (secured/monitored) area in which doors and fences restrict access to the public way. These include but are not limited to:</p> <p>(a) double alarm systems;</p> <p>(b) gates connected to the fire alarm; and</p> <p>(c) tab alarms for residents at risk for elopement.</p> <p>(2) In addition to the interior common areas required by this rule, the facility shall provide a safe and secure outdoor area for the year round use by the residents.</p> <p>(a) Fencing or other enclosures shall prevent elopement and protect the safety and security of the residents.</p> <p>(b) Residents shall be able to independently</p>	{A 069}		

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{A 069}	<p>Continued From page 11</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Surveyor: Garcia, Jenna</p> <p>This is an uncorrected deficiency from a survey dated 12/18/19 and 09/24/20</p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure that Direct Care Staff (DCS) had completed the required 12 hours of Alzheimer's/Dementia training annually. This deficient practice could likely result in all 18 (R #s 1-18) residents identified as receiving Alzheimer's/dementia care services by the Health and Wellness Director on 12/20/21, to be at risk of harm or injury if DCS do not know the proper methods of providing care and services. The findings are:</p> <p>A. Record review of DCS #3's employee file (date of hire 01/30/18) revealed no documentation of receiving the required 12 hours of Alzheimer's/dementia care training annually.</p> <p>B. Record review of DCS #4's employee file (date of hire 02/13/19) revealed no documentation of receiving the required 12 hours of Alzheimer's/dementia care training annually.</p> <p>C. Record review of DCS #8's employee file (date of hire 12/01/20) revealed no documentation of receiving the required 12 hours of Alzheimer's/dementia care training annually.</p> <p>D. Record review of DCS #13's employee file (date of hire 10/09/18) revealed no documentation of receiving the required 12 hours</p>	{A 069}		

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{A 069}	Continued From page 12 of Alzheimer's/dementia care training annually. E. Record review of a Alzheimer's/dementia care training roster dated 04/08/21 revealed there was no indication of how many hours the training was and if it met the required 12 hours of annual training. E. On 12/23/21 at 9:00 am, during an interview with the Administrator, she confirmed that DCS #'s 3, 4, 8, and 13 did not have documentation of having received the required 12 hours of Alzheimer's/dementia care training annually.	{A 069}		