N 832 - Building Standards

(2) The condition of the physical plant and the overall environment must be developed and maintained in such a manner that the safety and well-being of residents are assured.

This Rule is not met as evidenced by:
Based on observations, it was determined the facility failed to comply with the Tennessee Department of Health Building Standards.

The findings included:

1. Observations of the resident's room 332 on 12/5/11 at 9:55 AM, revealed the bathroom's door was broken.

2. Observations of resident's room 234 on 12/5/11 at 10:30 AM, revealed the nurse call for bed A did not work.

3. Observations of the rehab area located on 1st floor on 12/5/11 at 12:50 AM, revealed there was no strobe light installed in the handicapped bathroom.

4. Observations of the soiled linen room located in the basement on 12/5/11 at 11:00 AM, revealed the door was being held open with a wheelchair.

These findings were acknowledged by the administrator and verified by the director of maintenance at the exit conference on 12/5/11.

N 832 - The condition of the physical plant and the overall environment is maintained in such a manner that the safety and well-being of residents are assured.

The closure on room 332 was replaced on 12/6/11 by the director of plant maintenance.

The nurse call for room 234 was fixed immediately by the maintenance department on 12/6/11.

The Director of Plant Operations will ensure that all bathrooms designated as handicapped will be equipped with strobe lights by 12/16/11.

The wheelchair was removed from the laundry room immediately on 12/6/11 by the director of housekeeping and maintenance.

The Director of Plant Operations and maintenance staff tests conducted preventive maintenance checks according to weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual schedule for numerous life safety issues. All life safety concerns will continue to be monitored with prompt remedies for problems identified and corrected in the existing schedule.

The Administrator and Plant Operations Director will educate all partners on door closures and doors required to remain closed and will monitor for compliance according to the existing preventive maintenance schedule. Additional checks will be conducted at least once a week for 4 weeks to ensure compliance and will continue as needed until substantial compliance is achieved.

The Administrator and Director of Plant Operations will monitor results of these checks and report to the facility's Quality Assurance Committee. The monitor and in-service training will continue as determined by the Administrator or as directed by the Quality Assurance Committee which consists of the administrator, DON, medical director, associate medical directors, registered dieticians, social workers, hospital admission manager, housekeeping supervisor, maintenance supervisor, activity director, Administrator, and facility director of rehab.

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