

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT Under the Retirement Homes Act, 2010

Inspection Information Date of Inspection: July 21, 2023 Inspection Type: Routine Inspection Licensee: ACC-002399 - Hygate Management Services Corporation Retirement Home: The Hygate on Lexington License Number: T0608

About Routine Inspections

A routine inspection, performed by an RHRA inspector, is a physical inspection of a licensed retirement home. During a routine inspection, an RHRA inspector will walk through the home, speak to residents and staff, observe care services and conditions in the home, and ensure the licensee's management and staff follow mandatory policies and practices designed to protect the welfare of residents.

Following a routine inspection, the RHRA inspector prepares a draft inspection report which is sent to the licensee. The draft report may include instances where the licensee has failed to meet the standards of the RHA. If included, the licensee can respond to these instances and is strongly encouraged to inform RHRA of its plans to meet the standards of the RHA.

Following the draft report, the RHRA inspector prepares this final inspection report, incorporating any response from the licensee with their plans to meet the standards of the RHA. The most recent final inspection report must be posted in the home in a visible and easily accessible location. All final inspection reports from the previous two years must also be made available in an easily accessible location in the home. The licensee must provide a copy of this report to the home's Residents' Council, if one exists.

In addition to inspection reports, RHRA may provide information to a licensee to encourage improvements of their current practices.

If the licensee repeatedly does not meet the required standards, RHRA may take further action.

Focus Areas

During a routine inspection, an inspector will focus primarily on a set number of areas which have been identified as related to the health, safety and wellbeing of resident, and may take various actions to determine whether the licensee is compliant with the RHA in relating to the areas. The areas listed in this section are ones which an inspector has identified as non-compliant.

Focus Area #1: Emergency Plan

RHRA Inspector Findings

As part of the routine inspection, the Inspector interviewed staff and reviewed the Licensee's records of testing for their Emergency Plans and found that the home completed the required testing for the majority of codes but was unable to demonstrate that testing for missing residents was completed. The Licensee failed to ensure that all required testing was done annually.

Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by Thursday August 31, 2023. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Focus Area #2: Resident Record, Assessment, Plan of Care

RHRA Inspector Findings

The Inspector reviewed a sample of resident care files and interviewed staff and found several areas of non-compliance. Firstly, initial plans of care had not been completed for two new residents and assessments and plans of care had not been completed for the six respite residents in the home. Secondly, a resident's plan of care had not been reviewed and revised every six months as required. Thirdly, half of the reviewed plans of care were not approved by a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario or the College of Nurses of Ontario or someone working under their supervision and there was no evidence that a plan of care had been approved by the resident or their substitute decision-maker. Lastly, a resident's needs related to their risk of falls was not documented in their plan of care. The Licensee failed to ensure that all resident plans of care reviewed were compliant in the noted areas.

Outcome

The Licensee has advised it has taken corrective action to achieve compliance. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Focus Area #3: Staff Training

RHRA Inspector Findings

The Inspector reviewed a sample of staff training records and found that not all new staff completed the required training prior to working in the home or at all and that not all existing staff reviewed completed training on an annual basis as required, specifically, in the Licensee's policies relating to complaints, infection prevention and control, whistleblowing. PASDs, fire and safety, emergency plan and evacuation, behaviour management and resident's bill of rights. The Licensee failed to ensure all staff were trained as required.

Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by Thursday August 31, 2023. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Additional Findings

During a routine inspection, an inspector may observe areas of non-compliance that are not related to the standard focus areas. In these cases, an inspector may cite the home for these contraventions at the time of this inspection. In addition, an inspector may follow-up on findings of non-compliance from previous inspections. Where the licensee is unable to demonstrate they have come into compliance or maintained compliance, an inspector may cite the home for these repeat contraventions at the time of this inspection.

Not Applicable

Current Inspection – Citations

Citations relating to the above Focus Areas or Additional Findings made during the current inspection are listed below.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 14. (1); Staff training

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14. (1) For the purposes of clause 65 (2) (j) of the Act, every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that all staff who work in the home receive training in the procedure described in subsection 73 (1) of the Act for a person to complain to the licensee.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 14. (2); Staff training

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14. (2) For the purposes of subsection 65 (4) of the Act, the licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive training under subsection 65 (2) of the Act receive the training at least annually.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 14. (5); Staff training

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14. (5) The licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive the training described in subsection 65 (5) of the Act receive that training on an ongoing basis, namely at least annually after receiving the training described in subsection (4).

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general

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24. (5) The licensee shall,

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):

s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

s. 24. (5), (a), 2.

(ii) situations involving a missing resident,

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 27. (9); Infection prevention and control program

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27. (9) The licensee shall ensure that each staff member who works in the retirement home receives training on how to reduce the incidence of infectious disease transmission, including,

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):

s. 27. (9), (a)

(a) the need for and method of maintaining proper hand hygiene and method of preventing cross contamination, including proper handling of soiled linens, the protection of uniforms, and the separation of clean and dirty items;

s. 27. (9), (b)

(b) the need for and process of reporting, providing surveillance of and documenting incidents of infectious illness.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (1); Plan of care

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62. (1) When a resident commences his or her residency in a retirement home, the licensee shall, within the prescribed times, ensure that the resident is assessed and that a plan of care is developed based on the assessment and in accordance with this section and the regulations.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (12); Reassessment and revision

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62. (12) The licensee shall ensure that the resident is reassessed and the plan of care reviewed and revised at least every six months and at any other time if, in the opinion of the licensee or the resident,

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (6); Assessment of resident

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62. (6) The licensee shall ensure that the plan of care is based on an assessment of the resident and the needs and preferences of the resident.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (9); Persons who approve plans of care

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62. (9) The licensee shall ensure that the following persons have approved the plan of care, including any revisions to it, and that a copy is provided to them:

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):

s. 62. (9), para. 1

1. The resident or the resident's substitute decision-maker.

s. 62. (9), para. 2

2. The prescribed person if there is a person prescribed for the purpose of this paragraph.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 65. (2); Training

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65. (2) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that no staff work in the home unless they have received training in,

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):

s. 65. (2), (a)

(a) the Residents' Bill of Rights;

s. 65. (2), (b)

(b) the licensee's policy mentioned in subsection 67 (4) to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents;

s. 65. (2), (c)

(c) the protection afforded for whistle-blowing described in section 115;

s. 65. (2), (d)

(d) the licensee's policy mentioned in subsection 68 (3) regarding the use of personal assistance services devices for residents;

s. 65. (2), (f)

(f) fire prevention and safety;

s. 65. (2), (g)

(g) the licensee's emergency evacuation plan for the home mentioned in subsection 60 (3);

s. 65. (2), (h)

(h) the emergency plan and the infection prevention and control program of the licensee for the home mentioned in subsection 60 (4);

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 65. (4); On-going training

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65. (4) The licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive the training described in subsection (2) receive on-going training as described in that subsection at the times required by the regulations.

Closed Citations

During an inspection, an inspector may follow-up with areas of non-compliance cited during a previous inspection, or verify compliance with areas initially cited during the current inspection. The inspector has verified that at the time of this report, the licensee was able to demonstrate that the following areas have come into compliance.

Not Applicable

NOTICE

The Final Inspection Report is being provided to the Licensee, the Registrar of the RHRA and the home's Residents' Council, if any.

Section 55 of the RHA requires that the Final Inspection Report be posted in the home in a conspicuous and easily accessible location. In addition, the Licensee must ensure that copies of every Final Inspection Report from the previous two (2) years are made available in the Home, in an easily accessible location.

The Registrar's copy of the Final Inspection Report, as it appears here, will be included on the RHRA Retirement Home Database available online at http://www.rhra.ca/en/retirement-home-database.

Signature of Inspector Tania Buko	Date August 9, 2023