

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT Under the Retirement Homes Act, 2010

Inspection Information

Date of Inspection: November 20, 2024 Name of Inspector: Georges Gauthier

Inspection Type: Routine Inspection

Licensee: ACC-002946 - The Royale GP Corporation

Retirement Home: Aspira Waterford Kingston Retirement Living

License Number: N0470

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

The inspector reviewed the Licensee's records of testing for their emergency plans and found that the evidence of testing for situations involving a missing resident, medical emergencies, and epidemics and pandemics did not show the testing of the plan. Further, there was no evidence of current arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities, and resources that would be involved in responding to an emergency. The Licensee failed to ensure the listed emergency plan provisions had been fully met.

Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by January 21, 2025. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Focus Area #2: Medications

RHRA Inspector Findings

The inspector made observations during the administration of medications and observed a medication had been administered without following the prescriber's direction which specified "Do not crush". The Licensee failed to ensure the medication was administered in accordance with the directions for use specified by the person who prescribed the drug for the resident.

Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by January 10, 2025. 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. 24. (4); Emergency plan, general

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24. (4) The licensee shall keep current all arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency.

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,

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), 3.

(iii) medical emergencies,

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), 3.1

(iii.1) epidemics and pandemics,

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 29.; Administration of drugs or other substances

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29. If one of the care services that the licensee or the staff of a retirement home provide to a resident of the home is the administration of a drug or other substance, the licensee shall ensure that,

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

s. 29. (b)

(b) no drug is administered by the licensee or the staff to the resident in the home except in accordance with the directions for use specified by the person who prescribed the drug for the resident;

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.

Retirement Homes Act, 2010:

s. 62. (10); Compliance with plan

62. (10) The licensee shall ensure that the care services that the licensee provides to the resident are set out in the plan of care and are provided to the resident in accordance with the plan and the prescribed requirements, if any.

s. 62. (12); Reassessment and revision

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,

s. 62. (12), (b)

(b) the resident's care needs change or the care services set out in the plan are no longer necessary;

s. 62. (4); Contents of plan

62. (4) The licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that there is a written plan of care for each resident of the home that sets out,

s. 62. (4), (b)

(b) the planned care services for the resident that the licensee will provide, including,

s. 62. (4), (b), 1.

(i) the details of the services,

s. 62. (4); Contents of plan

62. (4) The licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that there is a written plan of care for each resident of the home that sets out,

s. 62. (4), (b)

(b) the planned care services for the resident that the licensee will provide, including,

s. 62. (4), (b), 3.

(iii) clear directions to the licensee's staff who provide direct care to the resident;

s. 62. (9); Persons who approve plans of care

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:

s. 62. (9), para. 1

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

s. 62. (9); Persons who approve plans of care

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:

s. 62. (9), para. 2

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

Ontario Regulation 166/11:

s. 23. (1); Behaviour management

23. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall develop and implement a written behaviour management strategy that includes,

s. 23. (1), (a)

(a) techniques to prevent and address resident behaviours that pose a risk to the resident or others in the home;

s. 23. (1); Behaviour management

23. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall develop and implement a written behaviour management strategy that includes,

s. 23. (1), (b)

(b) strategies for interventions to prevent and address resident behaviours that pose a risk to the resident or others in the home;

s. 23. (1); Behaviour management

23. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall develop and implement a written behaviour management strategy that includes,

s. 23. (1), (c)

(c) strategies for monitoring residents that have demonstrated behaviours that pose a risk to the resident or others in the home;

s. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general

24. (5) The licensee shall,

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), 1.
- (i) the loss of essential services,

s. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general

24. (5) The licensee shall,

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), 4.

(iv) violent outbursts;

s. 31. (1); Medication management system

31. (1) If one of the care services that the licensee or the staff of a retirement home provide to a resident of the home is the administration of a drug or other substance, the licensee shall establish a medication management system, which includes written policies and procedures, to ensure that all drugs and other substances to be administered to residents of the home are acquired, received in the home, stored, dispensed, administered, destroyed and disposed of correctly as required by law and in accordance with prevailing practices.

s. 32.; Records

32. If the licensee or a member of the staff of a retirement home administers a drug or other substance to a resident, the licensee shall ensure that,

s. 32. (a)

(a) the person who administered the drug or other substance prepares a written record noting the name and amount of the drug or other substance, the route of its administration and the time and date on which it was administered;

s. 47. (5); Development of plan of care

47. (5) If an assessment of a resident indicates that the resident's care needs may include dementia care, skin and wound care or the use of a personal assistance services device, the licensee shall ensure that an interdisciplinary care conference is held as part of the development of the resident's plan of care and that the resident's plan of care takes into account the results of the care conference.

s. 59. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that every written or verbal complaint made to the licensee or a staff member concerning the care of a resident or operation of the home is dealt with as follows:

s. 59. (1), para. 1

1. The complaint shall be investigated. If the complaint alleges harm or risk of harm to one or more residents, the investigation shall be commenced immediately.

s. 59. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that every written or verbal complaint made to the licensee or a staff member concerning the care of a resident or operation of the home is dealt with as follows:

s. 59. (1), para. 2

2. The complaint shall be resolved if possible, and a response that complies with paragraph 4 provided within 10 business days of the receipt of the complaint.

s. 59. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that every written or verbal complaint made to the licensee or a staff member concerning the care of a resident or operation of the home is dealt with as follows:

s. 59. (1), para. 3

3. For those complaints that cannot be investigated and resolved within 10 business days, an acknowledgement of receipt of the complaint shall be provided within 10 business days of receipt of the complaint, including the date by which the complainant can reasonably expect a resolution, and a follow-up response that complies with paragraph 4 shall be provided as soon as possible in the circumstances.

s. 59. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that every written or verbal complaint made to the licensee or a staff member concerning the care of a resident or operation of the home is dealt with as follows:

s. 59. (1), para. 4

4. A response shall be made to the person who made the complaint, indicating,

s. 59. (1), para. 4, 1.

i. what the licensee has done to resolve the complaint,

s. 59. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that every written or verbal complaint made to the licensee or a staff member concerning the care of a resident or operation of the home is dealt with as follows:

s. 59. (1), para. 4

4. A response shall be made to the person who made the complaint, indicating,

s. 59. (1), para. 4, 2.

ii. that the licensee believes the complaint to be unfounded and the reasons for the belief.

s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

s. 59. (2), (a)

(a) the nature of each verbal or written complaint;

s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

s. 59. (2), (b)

(b) the date that the complaint was received;

s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

s. 59. (2), (c)

(c) the type of action taken to resolve the complaint, including the date of the action, time frames for actions to be taken and any follow-up action required;

s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

s. 59. (2), (d)

(d) the final resolution, if any, of the complaint;

s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

s. 59. (2), (e)

(e) every date on which any response was provided to the complainant and a description of the response;

s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

s. 59. (2), (f)

(f) any response made in turn by the complainant.

s. 59. (3); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (3) The licensee shall ensure that,

s. 59. (3), (a)

(a) the written record is reviewed and analyzed for trends at least quarterly;

s. 59. (3); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (3) The licensee shall ensure that,

s. 59. (3), (b)

(b) the results of the review and analysis are taken into account in determining what improvements are required in the retirement home;

s. 59. (3); Procedure for complaints to licensee

59. (3) The licensee shall ensure that,

s. 59. (3), (c)

(c) a written record is kept of each review and of the improvements made in response.

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	Date
	December 19, 2024