

**Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Health Facilities Division
Adult Services Civil Penalty Citation**

Date: November 18, 2019
Program Name: Homestead of Albia
Address: 6592 165 th Street Albia, IA 52531
Type of Action: Investigation #86008-I
Date(s) of Action: 10/31/19

State Rule #	State Rule	Amount of Civil Penalty
69.32(4)c	<p>481-69.32(231C) Life safety-emergency policies and procedures and structural safety requirements.</p> <p>69.32(4) A program serving a person(s) with cognitive disorder or dementia shall have:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. Written procedures regarding appropriate staff response if a tenant with cognitive disorder or dementia is missing.</p> <p>Based on interview and record review the Program staff failed to consistently respond appropriately to the door alarm. This affected 1 of 1 tenant (Tenant #1) identified in Incident Investigation 86008-I. Finding follows:</p> <p>Record review on 10/30/19 at 2:25 p.m. revealed an Incident Report dated 8/31/19 documented Staff notified the nurse they received a telephone call from the police department inquiring if the Program had a missing tenant. The officer escorted the tenant back to the Program. Further review revealed Tenant #1 wore a Wanderguard. Staff heard the alarm but were in the bathroom. When staff responded she did not see anyone by the door or outside. Program cameras were reviewed and it appeared Tenant #1 exited the building after he pressed the door and it released after the required time. Based on camera review it appeared 40 minutes elapsed from the time Tenant #1 exited the building and the officer returned him.</p> <p>Additional record review revealed Tenant #1, admitted to the Program 12/7/17. Tenant #1 scored a four (4) on the Global Deterioration Scale, indicating mild cognitive impairment. Tenant #1's service plan, completed 8/5/19, indicated Tenant #1 required hourly checks and wore a Wanderguard.</p> <p>When interviewed on 10/30/19 at 12:50 p.m. Staff A said she heard the door alarm but was in the bathroom. When she did respond to the door she checked the area and looked outside but did not begin a search for tenants. She explained the Tenant #1 attempted to leave earlier in the evening through the front door and the windows in his room. When she responded to the door and didn't see anyone, she assumed a tenant's friends/family left. She did not realize Tenant #1 left until she received a telephone call from law</p>	\$500.00

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	<p>enforcement inquiring if the Program had a missing tenant. Staff A said Tenant #1 wore a vest, jeans, socks, shoes and gloves when she saw him early at the front desk area.</p> <p>Record review on 10/31/19 revealed Albia Police Department Call for Service dated 8/31/19. According to the report Monroe County Hospital contacted the department regarding a guy sitting near the dumpster at 9:49 p.m. According to the police report Emergency Room staff heard the radio and called the dispatcher to say they would be sending a staff out to see what was going on. Further review revealed at 10:12 p.m. the male subject was identified as Tenant #1 from Homestead and he was transported back to Homestead.</p> <p>Observations on 10/30/19 revealed Monroe County Hospital was located to the West of the Program approximately one fourth of a mile. Tenant #1 could have walked through parking lots and grass areas to reach the area by the dumpster. The speed limit on the road in front of Homestead of Albia is 25 miles an hour. Review of The Weather Channel forecast for 8/31/19 revealed the temperatures this day were a high of 67 degrees Fahrenheit and a low of 54 degrees Fahrenheit.</p> <p>Record review revealed the Program's policy regarding elopement, revised 1/30/15. According to the policy, when a door alarm activated, the appropriate staff response would be to immediately go to the respective door and evaluate the cause of the alarm and assure all residents are safe and accounted for.</p> <p>When interviewed on 10/30/19 at 2:20 p.m. the Manager confirmed staff failed to follow the Program's elopement policy.</p>	
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