

**Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals  
Health Facilities Division  
Citation**

<b>Citation Number:</b> 5820	Fine amount reduced by 35% to \$325 on August 19, 2022 pursuant to Iowa Code Section 135C.43A	<b>Date:</b> August 4, 2022		
<b>Facility Name:</b> Harmony House		<b>Survey Dates:</b> 6/28/22 – 7/21/22		
<b>Facility Address/City/State/Zip</b>  2950 W Shaulis Rd Waterloo, IA	<b>CC</b>			
<b>Rule or Code Section</b>	<b>Nature of Violation</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Fine Amount</b>	<b>Correction date</b>

<b>IAC 481 – 50.7(4)</b>	<p><b>When a resident elopes from a facility. For the purposes of this subrule, “elopes” means when a resident who has impaired decision-making ability leaves the facility without the knowledge or authorization of staff.</b></p> <p>Based on interview and record review the facility failed to report a client's elopement to the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA), as required by Iowa Code 481 IAC 50.7(4). This affected 1 of 1 sample clients known to elope from the facility (Client #1). Finding follows:</p> <p>Client #1 is a 17 year old male with the following diagnosis: borderline intellectual function, major depressive disorder, attention-deficient/hyperactivity disorder, anxiety disorder, conduct disorder, autistic disorder.</p> <p>Record review on 7/07/22 revealed a Client #1's Health Status Note dated 4/17/22 noted "Res (resident) noted to not be in his room at 2330. Code white called this writer and CNA/DA (Certified Nursing Aide/Developmental Aide) began searching rooms. CNA/DA went outside to look for resident. Res was found in life skills office behind office door. Res was escorted back to the main building. Res stated he went out the window in the comfort room (at the end of D hall), screen was laying on the ground outside of window, and that he went out because "He was bored and hungry." The ICF/ID Director (IDD) and Nurse Manager (NM) were notified and 15 minute checks</p>	<b>II</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>UPON RECEIPT</b>
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	<p>initiated. Res examined with no injuries noted. VS (vital signs): 97.7, 97-18-109/80."</p> <p>Further record review revealed a facility policy for Mandatory Reporting and Other Required Notification dated 4/03/17 which indicated the administrator is required to notify DIA within 24 hours or the next business day which included when a resident elopes from the facility. "Elope means someone who has impaired decision-making ability leaves the facility without the knowledge and or authorization of staff."</p> <p>When interviewed on 7/07/22 at 12:36 p.m. the Administrator confirmed the facility failed to report the Client #1's incident from 4/17/22 to DIA or to document an internal investigation of the incident.</p>			
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	<b>RESPONSE:</b>				
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