

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

Citation Number: 5438		Date: 11/8/21		
Facility Name: Vita Health Services		Survey Dates: 9/20/21 – 9/27/21		
Facility Address/City/State/Zip 1725 6 th Ave Des Moines, IA 50315				
		LK/DD	98475-C	
Rule or Code Section	Nature of Violation	Class	Fine Amount	Correction date

57.7(5)	<p><u>481—57.7(135C) General requirements.</u></p> <p><u>57.7(5) The licensee shall:</u> <u>b. Be responsible for compliance with all applicable laws and with the rules of the department. (I, II, III)</u></p> <p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>Based on interview and record review the facility failed to comply with requirements related to notification to the Department found in Iowa Administrative Code 481-chapter 50. Findings include:</p> <p>A review of facility records revealed the facility failed to notify the Department of elopements as required by Iowa Administrative Code rule 50.7(4). The administrator confirmed this finding. See deficiency under 50.7(4) for details.</p>	II	\$500.00	Upon receipt
50.7(4)	<p><u>481-50.7(10A,135C) Additional notification. The director or the director's designee shall be notified within 24 hours, or the next business day, by the most expeditious means available:</u></p> <p><u>50.7(4) When a resident elopes from a facility. For the purposes of this subrule, "elopes" means when a resident who has impaired decision-making ability</u></p>			

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	<p><u>leaves the facility without the knowledge or authorization of staff.</u></p> <p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>Based on interview and record review the facility failed to notify the Department with 24 hours or the next business day of elopements regarding 1 of 3 residents reviewed (Resident #1). Findings include:</p> <p>A review of incident reports revealed Resident #1 had walked away from the facility on 5/20/21 and on 7/08/21. Staff were not aware Resident #1 had left the facility either time. Resident #1's diagnoses included schizoaffective disorder and moderate intellectual disability. She spoke limited English and required an interpreter for full communication. She suffered no injuries on either occasion.</p> <p>On 9/27/21 at 1:29 p.m. the Administrator confirmed these elopements had not been reported to the Department. She had thought staff was with the resident on 5/20/21 when she left the facility and went to a nearby store. However, she knew staff was not with her on 7/8/21 but was not aware of the reporting requirement for elopements.</p>			
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	FACILITY RESPONSE:			
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