

Survey Findings/Facility Response

Facility : SPRING RIDGE ACADEMY

Survey Date - 6/30/2009 - Citation3

Survey Findings

An environmental inspection and an interview with the Medical Office Assistant and the Clinical Director revealed the licensee of an agency that provides assistance in the self-administration of medication did not ensure that a staff member conducted an inspection of the medication storage area at least once every three months.

Findings include:

An environmental inspection of the medication storage area revealed the agency does store medications for clients receiving assistance in the self-administration of medication at the agency. The Medical Office Assistant was unable to provide documentation to substantiate inspections of the medication storage area was conducted. The Clinical Director provided documentation of inspections of the medication storage area conducted January 11, 2008; February 8, 2008; March 17, 2008; April 11, 2008; May 9, 2008; June 13, 2008; July 24, 2008; August 7, 2008; September 17, 2008; December 22, 2008; and January 7, 2009.

In an interview, the Clinical Director reported the Plan of Correction for the previous onsite compliance survey, conducted December 28, 2007, was enacted by creating an electronic prompt for the medication storage inspection every three months on the electronic calendar for the Medical Office Assistant and developing a new medication storage inspection audit sheet. The Clinical Director acknowledged the medication storage area was not inspected within the time period of January 7, 2009 and June 30, 2009.

The requirement for a licensee of an agency that provides assistance in the self-administration of medication to ensure that a staff member conducts an inspection of the medication storage area at least once every three months was discussed with the Clinical Director during the exit conference on June 30, 2009.

This is a repeat deficiency from the compliance survey conducted December 28, 2007.

Rule/Statute

R9-20-408. Assistance in the Self-Administration of Medication

I. A licensee of an agency that provides assistance in the self-administration of medication shall ensure that a staff member qualified according to subsection (C)(1) conducts an inspection of the medication storage area or areas at least once every three months to ensure compliance with this Section and documents the results of the inspection, to include:

1. The name of the staff member conducting the inspection,
 2. The date of the inspection,
 3. The area or areas inspected,
 4. Whether medication is stored according to the requirements in this Section,
 5. Whether medication is disposed of according to the requirements in this Section, and
 6. Any action taken to ensure compliance with the requirements in this Section.
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Facility Response

The date (09/01/2009) represents when the facility corrected the citation and was confirmed by the Department to be back in compliance. A facility is required to submit a Plan of Correction (POC) for each citation identified during a survey. This Plan of Correction describes how the facility is going to make corrections, the facility representative responsible for making the corrections, and what systems are in place to prevent recurrence. Once the facility has submitted an acceptable Plan of Correction, the Department confirms that the citation is corrected.

For a copy of the Plan of Correction, please contact the facility or the Department of Health Services.