

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

Date: July 2, 2024
Program Name: Amelia Senior Living
Address: 57 Ferndale Drive Council Bluffs, IA 51503
Type of Action: Recertification
Date(s) of Action: 6/3/24 – 6/5/23
Citation #: 10449

State Rule #	State Rule	Amount of Civil Penalty
69.32(2)	<u>69.32(2) An operating alarm system shall be connected to each exit door in a dementia-specific program.</u> Based on interview and record review the Program failed to consistently ensure an operating door alarm on each exit door. This pertained to 1 of 1 tenants (Tenant #1) who eloped and potentially 6 of 6 tenants with impaired decision making. Finding follows: Record review on 6/3/24 revealed an Incident Report (IR) dated 5/15/24 regarding Tenant #1's elopement. Program staff found Tenant #1 in her (staff's) car at 4:50 p.m. in the Program's parking lot approximately 25 yards from the front door of the facility. Staff had last observed Tenant #1 in the living room area at 4:35 p.m. When interviewed on 6/4/24 the Program nurse said the tenant was dressed appropriately for the weather. She noted no injuries and Tenant #1 appeared pleasantly confused. She explained the Program disengaged the alarm while another tenant moved their belongings out. When interviewed on 6/10/24 at 10:13 a.m. the state climatologist provided the following weather information for 5/15/24 at 3:50 p.m. The temperature measured 70 degrees F, 46 % relative humidity, winds out of the west-northwest at 18 mph, gusting to 30 mph, no precipitation detected and fair conditions. Record review on 6/4/24 revealed Tenant #1's elopement evaluation identified she was at risk for elopement. Record review of Tenant #1's service plan initiated on 10/2/23 revealed the Program identified a risk of elopement. The plan directed staff to ensure Tenant #1's safety by pleasant diversions and planned activities. Record review on 6/4/24 revealed the Program's Policy for Elopements revised 2007. The policy directed at no time shall a door alarm be turned off without the continual supervision of the exit. Tenant #1's diagnosis included unspecified dementia, unspecified severity, without behavioral disturbance, psychotic disturbance and anxiety. The Program admitted Tenant #1 on 7/1/23, she was 81 years old and had a Global Deterioration Scale (GDS) score of 5 moderately severe cognitive decline.	\$2000.00

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	On 6/5/24 at 11:00 a.m. administrative staff confirmed the Program failed to ensure either the alarm on the front door was engaged at all times, or the policy requiring continual supervision of the door when the alarm was shut off was followed.	
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