

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 0020421	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING: _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED C 06/09/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER PREFERRED CARE LLC		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1611 PREMIER PLACE FORT ATKINSON, WI 53538		
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M 000	INITIAL COMMENTS On 06/04/2025, with information gathered through 06/09/2025, the Bureau of Assisted Living, Southern Regional Office conducted a complaint investigation at Preferred Care LLC located at 1611 Premier Place in Fort Atkinson, WI. One citation of noncompliance was issued. The complaint was substantiated. Census: 3	M 000		
M 134	88.03(5)(e)1 SIGNIFICANT CHANGE TO THE RESIDENT Within 24 hours, a significant change in resident status, such as but not limited to an accident requiring hospitalization, missing from the home or a reportable death. A death shall be reported if there is reasonable cause to believe the death was related to use of a physical restraint or psychotropic medications, was a suicide or was accidental. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the provider did not submit a report to the department of Resident 1's significant change in status requiring hospitalization. On 05/07/2025, Resident 1 experienced a choking incident while eating fruit requiring hospitalization. The findings include:	M 134		

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

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M 134	Continued From page 1 The department received a compliant allegation including a resident choked and was hospitalized on "life support." On 06/04/2025, Surveyor conducted a complainant investigation at the home. At 8:00 A.M., Surveyor conducted an interview with Caregiver B. Caregiver B told Surveyor Resident 1 choked while eating fruit provided by Resident 1's Legal Representative C. Caregiver B said Resident 1 would quickly put food in his/her mouth, not chew the food properly, and would just swallow it very quickly. Caregiver B said Resident 1 required supervision when consuming meals and snacks related to Resident 1's behavior while eating. Caregiver B said s/he was supervising Resident 1 in the home's kitchen area when Resident 1 was eating the fruit. Caregiver B said the incident occurred so fast and Caregiver B quickly provided assistance to Resident 1 to attempt to remove the food from Resident 1's mouth and provide the Heimlich maneuver followed by cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Caregiver B told Surveyor emergency services were called and arrived at the home before taking Resident 1 to the hospital. Caregiver B said Resident 1 was admitted to the hospital following this incident and had not returned to the home. On 06/04/2025 at 9:12 A.M., Surveyor conducted an interview with Licensee A. Licensee A told Surveyor Resident 1 experienced a choking incident at the home on 05/07/2025 and required hospitalization. Licensee A told Surveyor Resident 1 remained at the hospital on 06/04/2025. Licensee A told Surveyor s/he reported Resident 1's choking incident to Resident 1's funding agency case management team, but had not reported it to the department.	M 134			

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M 134	Continued From page 2 On 06/05/2025 at 12:25 P.M., Surveyor received an email from Licensee A including an incident report. The incident report documentation included the date of the incident was 05/07/2025 "around" 5:00 P.M. at the home involving Resident 1 and Caregiver B witnessed the incident. The documentation included, "Involving a bowl of mixed fruits (watermelon, cantaloupe, and strawberries) that was brought by [Resident 1's Legal Representative C]. The fruit bowl, commonly referred to as a fruit basket, contained slices/pieces of the three fruits. [Resident 1] choked shortly after consuming multiple pieces without chewing, which led to an emergency response and hospitalization." The documentation included, "[Resident 1] was known to eat at a fast pace; however, there has never been any mention of [Resident 1] being a choking risk in [his/her] previous group home or assessments." The documentation included, "... [Caregiver B] observed that [Resident 1] quickly placed several pieces into [his/her] mouth without chewing. [Caregiver B] immediately removed the bowl [of fruit] when [Caregiver B] noticed [Resident 1] was clutching [his/her] throat, gasping, and becoming unresponsive. [Caregiver B] called for assistance from another caregiver. We laid [Resident 1] on [his/her] back and [Caregiver B] began CPR with chest compressions. The other caregiver called 911 at approximately 5:10 P.M. After about 50 seconds, [Caregiver B] preformed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. [Resident 1] began breathing again, though weakly. EMS [emergency medical service] arrived within 5 minutes and transported [Resident 1] to [local hospital]." The documentation included, "Food removed immediately."	M 134		

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M 134	Continued From page 3 On 06/09/2025 at 3:46 P.M., Surveyor conducted an interview with Licensee A. Licensee A said s/he was not aware of this requirement of submitting a report to the department when a resident experiences a significant change in status related to an incident requiring hospitalization. Licensee A told Surveyor the hospital called him/her last week and Resident 1 remained alive.	M 134			