

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 390124	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING: _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED C 04/14/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER ALPHA HOMES OF WISCONSIN VIII		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 101 11TH AVE RACINE, WI 53403		
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M 000	INITIAL COMMENTS On 04/15/2025, Surveyor completed a self-report review. One violation was identified as a result of the self-report review. Census: 3	M 000		
M 436	88.07(2)(a) SERVICES The licensee shall provide or arrange for the provision of individualized services specified in a resident's individual service plan that are the licensee's responsibility. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview the provider did not ensure services specified in 1 of 1 resident's individual service plan (ISP) was followed. Resident 1's plan required continuous line of sight supervision and dietary modifications, including thickened liquids due to an identified choking risk. Resident 1 was left unattended and accessed a bowl of food and water at the kitchen sink. Resident 1 consumed the food and water; this resulted in a choking event that led to Resident 1's death. Findings include: On 02/24/2026, The Department received a self-report indicating a choking incident which resulted in the death of a resident. The self-report, dated 02/19/2026, reported Resident 1 died after experiencing a choking incident. The self-report indicated Resident 1 was on the couch	M 436		

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

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M 436	Continued From page 1 after s/he ate a meal, and Caregiver C placed uneaten food from the meal (chicken, rice, and fries) in the sink and added water prior to putting down the garbage disposal. Caregiver C needed to use the restroom and was gone approximately 1 minute. When Caregiver C came out of the bathroom s/he observed Resident 1 standing by the sink and s/he seemed to be having trouble breathing. It appeared to Caregiver C that Resident 1 had possibly ingested some of the leftover food from the sink. Caregiver C called 911 and began CPR immediately until emergency medical technicians (EMTs) arrived and took over. They were unable to clear Resident 1's airway and Resident 1 was pronounced deceased at the scene. On 04/14/2026, at approximately 11:40 AM, Surveyor reviewed Resident 1's record. Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on 09/21/2015 with diagnoses of dysphagia, diverticulitis, seizure disorder, autism, manic depressive disorder, mental retardation, and bipolar disorder. Resident 1 had a guardian. Resident 1's ISP dated 02/24/2026, stated the following: "1. staff must grind all food/meat and add sauce or gravy. Watch for pocketing of food on/in sides of his/her cheeks. S/he must be sitting at a full 90 degree angle during and after all meals for 30 minutes. 2. Thick it to all liquids honey consistency. 3. No food in his/her reach that is not mechanically soft. 4. History of seizures. 5. Self -abusing behavior. 5.[sic] Wandering risk- door alarms. 6. Line of sight consumer." Under the supervision section, the ISP stated," S/he requires 24 hour services. S/he does not have any safety skills and must always be	M 436		

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M 436	Continued From page 2 monitored for meals and snacks." On 04/14/2026, at approximately 12:00 PM, Survey interviewed Senior Coordinator A and Human Resources Director (HR) B. Senior Coordinator A reported on 02/19/2026, Caregiver C placed Resident 1's food bowl from lunch in the kitchen sink and ran water into the bowl and walked away to use the bathroom. Resident 1 was reported to be in the common area when Caregiver C walked away to use the bathroom. Caregiver C was reported to return to the kitchen and observed Resident 1 standing bent over near the sink in the kitchen unable to breathe properly. Senior Coordinator A reported Resident 1 drunk the liquid from the bowl placed in the sink and choked. Senior Coordinator A reported s/he was notified by Caregiver C of the incident and 911 was called, while Caregiver C started abdominal thrust with the instructions of a 911 operator. Senior Coordinator A arrived at the facility when emergency services were doing compressions on Resident 1. Senior Coordinator A reported, Caregiver C, emergency services, and the Racine County Police Officers attempted to clear Resident 1's throat and was unable to dislodge the food trapped in Resident 1's throat. Senior Coordinator A reported Resident 1 was not known to go to the kitchen sink and indicated Resident 1 normally tried to take food items that were within plain sight and reach. Senior Coordinator A acknowledged Resident 1 was a choking risk and required line of sight supervision during all meals. HR Director B reported s/he arrived at the facility when emergency services worked on Resident 1 to dislodge the food in his/her throat. HR Director B reported Resident 1 was known to walk away from his/her food while eating and return to eat more, however Resident 1 was not known to	M 436		

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M 436	Continued From page 3 retrieve food or water from the kitchen sink. HR Director B reported Caregiver C was trained/certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, and choking training in 2025. HR Director B reported all staff were given additional trainings surrounding ISP review, choking/ first aid, CPR review, and safe eating training after this incident.	M 436			