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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER COMFORT CARE HOMES AND SERVICES LLC ALPIN		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1728 DUCKTAIL COURT NEW RICHMOND, WI 54017		
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M 000	INITIAL COMMENTS On 02/17/2025, Surveyor conducted a complaint investigation at Comfort Care Homes and Services LLC Alpine Ridge. The complaint was substantiated. Two violations were identified. Census: 4	M 000		
M 218	88.04(2)(b) AWAKE STAFF FOR CONTINUOUS CARE The licensee shall ensure that he or she or a service provider is present and awake at all times if any resident is in need of continuous care. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, record review, and interview, the provider did not ensure staff were present when residents in need of continuous care were present. Findings include: The provider is licensed to care for 4 residents in the client groups irreversible dementia/Alzheimer's disease, advanced aged, alcohol/drug dependent, emotionally disturbed/mental illness, physically disabled, terminally ill, traumatic brain injury, and developmentally disabled. The licensee had a second adult family home located next door called Windsor Pond House. On 02/17/2025, from 8:20 AM to 8:40 AM,	M 218		

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M 218	Continued From page 1 Surveyor observed Caregiver A at Windsor Pond House. Caregiver A entered the facility at 8:20 AM. Caregiver A informed Surveyor s/he was the only staff for both Windsor Pond House and Comfort Care Homes and Services LLC Alpine Ridge. Surveyor asked who was at Alpine Ridge while s/he was at Windsor Pond and Caregiver A replied, "Nobody." Caregiver A stated 2 residents were up and 2 residents were still asleep when s/he left Alpine Ridge. On 02/17/2025, Surveyor reviewed resident records. Resident 1 was admitted on 07/23/2018. Resident 1's diagnoses included intellectual disabilities, seizure disorder, and schizophrenia. Resident 1's Individual service plan (ISP), dated 01/16/2025, indicated s/he was not able to have alone time in the home or community. Resident 3 was admitted on 01/30/2017. Resident 3's diagnoses included mood disorders and mild cognitive impairment with memory loss. Resident 3's ISP, dated 12/30/2024, indicated s/he was not able to have alone time in the home or community. Resident 4 was admitted to the facility on 04/24/2023. Resident 4's diagnoses included intellectual and developmental disabilities, mood disorder, apnea, and epilepsy. Resident 4's ISP, dated 02/03/2025 read, "ALONE TIME...[Resident 4] has NO HOME ALONE TIME... NO COMMUNITY ALONE TIME... DOES THIS MEMBER NEED OVERNIGHT AWAKE STAFF? Not at this time but staff are semi-awake at night to take [him/her] to the restroom and assist with toileting and re-applying oxygen if [s/he] is needing it."	M 218		

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M 218	Continued From page 2 On 02/17/2025 at 10:10 AM, Surveyor interviewed Owner D and Manager B. Owner D stated Caregiver A should not have left the facility unattended. Owner D stated, "This is the not alone house. Ever."	M 218		
M 426	88.07(1)(a) RESIDENT CARE-GENERAL REQUIREMENTS The licensee shall provide a safe, emotionally stable, homelike and humane environment for residents. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the provider did not ensure a safe, emotionally stable, homelike environment for residents when Caregiver C worked alone with residents. Findings include: The provider is licensed to care for 4 residents in the client groups irreversible dementia/Alzheimer's disease, advanced aged, alcohol/drug dependent, emotionally disturbed/mental illness, physically disabled, terminally ill, traumatic brain injury, and developmentally disabled. On 11/25/2024, the Department received a complaint about caregiver interaction with residents. On 02/17/2025, Surveyor reviewed the staff schedule and roster provided by Owner D. The schedule indicated Caregiver C worked the weekend block shift on 02/15/2025 and	M 426		

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M 426	Continued From page 3 02/16/2025. Caregiver C was the only staff member scheduled at the facility over the weekend. On 02/17/2025 at 9:23 AM, Surveyor interviewed Resident 4 in his/her room. Resident 4 was excited to show Surveyor his/her belongings and talk about his/her likes and dislikes. Surveyor asked Resident 4 if s/he knew the names of any of the staff. Resident 4 listed a handful of staff, and Surveyor asked if Resident 4 could tell Surveyor about each staff member. Resident 4 agreed. As Surveyor went down the list, Resident 4 stated what s/he liked about each staff member. When Surveyor asked Resident 4 about Caregiver C, Resident 4 began crying and stated s/he wanted to stop. Resident 4 asked to leave his/her room but stated s/he would try to talk to Surveyor later. At 9:40 AM, Surveyor interviewed Resident 2 in his/her room. Resident 2 stated s/he moved to the facility about 4 months ago. Surveyor asked Resident 2 about each staff member. Resident 2 had positive things to say about each staff except Caregiver C. Resident 2 stated Caregiver C was "short-tempered" and "confrontational." Resident 2 stated Caregiver C worked on weekends and Resident 2 felt uncomfortable in his/her home when Caregiver C was around. Resident 2 stated s/he felt like s/he was walking on eggshells when Caregiver C was around. Resident 2 stated, "This weekend, [Resident 3] asked when [Caregiver C's] birthday was and [Caregiver C] snapped, "Why is that important?!"... [Caregiver C] hit a trash can about 2 weeks ago... [s/he] was upset because a resident had diarrhea." At 9:44 AM, Surveyor interviewed Resident 3 in his/her room. Resident 3 was able to name 1 staff	M 426			

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M 426	Continued From page 4 member, Owner D. Resident 3 stated s/he had memory loss. Surveyor asked if s/he could help Resident 3 with staff names. Surveyor listed each staff one by one. Resident 3 stated what s/he liked about each staff member. When Surveyor asked about Caregiver C, Resident 3 stated, "[Caregiver C]? I don't like [Caregiver C]. I'm afraid of [him/her], and I can't tell you why." At 9:56 AM, Surveyor asked Resident 4 if s/he'd like to try to talk again. Resident 4 said s/he would and led Surveyor to his/her room. Resident 4 chatted about his/her artwork and appeared to be comfortable and happy. When Surveyor brought up their previous conversation about staff, Resident 4's mood changed. Resident 4 stated s/he did not want to talk about it anymore and left his/her room. On 02/17/2025 at 10:00 AM, Surveyor asked Owner D and Manager B if there were any concerns brought to their attention about Caregiver C. Owner D stated Resident 1 and Resident 2 reported they heard Caregiver C yelling. Owner D stated Caregiver C had a loud voice. Owner D stated Resident 2 tended to blow things out of proportion. Owner D stated, "They don't love [Caregiver C]," but s/he believed it had more to do with Resident 2 than Caregiver C. On 02/17/2025 at 10:07 PM, Surveyor received an internal investigation report from Owner D via email. The report indicated Owner D and Manager B interviewed all residents and Caregiver C. Their report indicated 1 of 4 residents (Resident 2) voiced concerns about Caregiver C. The report read, "It was apparent before we met that [Resident 2] had a clear intention of painting [Caregiver C] in the worst light possible. [Resident 2] made allegations of	M 426		

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M 426	Continued From page 5 petty arguments about a pillow... calling [Caregiver C] a drill sergeant, saying [Resident 2] can't believe [Caregiver C] has a job here, and that [Caregiver C] can't handle stress ... After [Manager B] and [Owner D] completed talking with the residents and with [Caregiver C], neither of us believe that [Caregiver C] is infringing on resident rights, abusing, or neglecting the residents. I did take [Caregiver C] off the schedule for tonight as [s/he] was very sad and feeling low after our discussion. I have not terminated [Caregiver C] as of now because I do not believe [s/he] has done anything wrong."	M 426		