

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
HEALTH FACILITIES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE BOARD FOR LICENSING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

In The Matter of:	)	
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Green Crest Assisted Living Centers, Inc.,	)	
Assisted Care Living Facility,	)	
License No. 417,	)	Docket No. 25.05-236593A
	)	
Respondent.	)	
	)	
Parsons, Tennessee	)	

AGREED ORDER

This matter came to be heard before the Tennessee Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities ("Board"), pursuant to the request of the Tennessee Health Facilities Commission ("Commission"), by and through the Office of Legal Services, and Green Crest Assisted Living Centers, Inc. ("Respondent") that the Board adopt this Consent Order, the terms of which have been agreed upon by the parties, as signified by their signatures below.

I. JURISDICTION

1. The Board has the power to license and regulate hospitals, recuperation centers, nursing homes, homes for the aged, residential HIV supportive living facilities, assisted care living facilities, home care organizations, residential hospices, birthing centers, prescribe childcare centers, renal dialysis clinics, ambulatory surgical treatment centers, outpatient diagnostic centers, adult care homes, and traumatic brain injury residential home. T.C.A. § 68-11-202(a)(1).

2. The Commission has the authority to conduct reviews of assisted care living facilities to determine compliance with fire and life safety code regulations promulgated by the Board. T.C.A. § 68-11-202(b)(1)(A).
3. An assisted care living facility ("ACLF") is a facility, building, establishment, complex or distinct part thereof that accepts primarily aged persons for domiciliary care and services. T.C.A. § 68-11-201(4)(A) and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0720-26-.02(7).
4. "Primarily aged" means at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the population of the facility is at least sixty-two (62) years of age. Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0720-26-.02(34).
5. The ACLF shall provide on-site to its residents' room and board and non-medical living assistance services appropriate to each resident's needs, such as assistance with bathing, dressing, grooming, preparation of meals and other activities of daily living. T.C.A. § 68-11-201(4)(B) and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0720-26-.02(2).
6. The Commission shall conduct on-site inspections and investigations as may be necessary to safeguard and ensure at all times, the public's health, safety, and welfare. T.C.A. § 68-11-210(c).
7. Upon a finding by the Board that an ACLF has violated any provision of Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 68-11-201, et seq., or the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, action may be taken, upon proper notice to the licensee, to impose a civil penalty, deny, suspend, or revoke its license. T.C.A. § 68-11-207.

II. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

8. At all times pertinent hereto, Respondent, Green Crest Assisted Living Centers, Inc., P.O. Box 636 Parsons, Tennessee 38363, was licensed by the Board as an ACLF, having been

granted license number 417 on July 7, 2015, which currently has an expiration date of July 6, 2024.

9. On or about December 12, 2021, through on or about December 14, 2021, the Office of Health Care Facilities conducted an unannounced site visit at the facility, resulting in the following findings.
10. On or about December 11, 2021, Respondent experienced a power outage as a result of a severe storm in Parsons, Tennessee that began at approximately 2:00 a.m. on December 11, 2021. The power outage lasted until approximately 7:10 p.m. on December 12, 2021.

III. POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES

The Parties agree that if a hearing were held in this matter, each side is prepared to present the following evidence.

COMMISSION'S POSITION

11. Based on document review, observations, and interview, it was revealed that a resident fell at the facility during the power outage. The resident appeared alert but disoriented and complained of head pain; however, no serious injuries were reported.
12. Based on observation, it was determined Respondent failed to provide operational smoke detectors and battery backup power to its residents.

RESPONDENT'S POSITION

13. The violations alleged in this Consent Order were caused by "Acts of God," the same being straight line winds that knocked out the main Tennessee Valley Authority power line, causing the entire county of Decatur to be without electricity for approximately two (2) weeks.

14. The facility's administrator and employees did the best they could, under the circumstances, to take care of the facility's residents.
15. On or about May 5, 2022, Respondent corrected the aforementioned deficiencies and was deemed to be in compliance with all regulatory requirements.
16. Green Crest has no prior history of disciplinary actions from the Board.

IV. STIPULATED GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE

For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to accept discipline in the form of a best interest agreement to resolve this matter.

17. Pursuant to Tenn. Comp. R. and Reg. 0720-26-.07(7)(a)(2) [formerly cited as 1200-08-25-.07(7)(a)(2)]

(7) An ACLF shall provide personal services as follows:

(a) Each ACLF shall provide each resident with at least the following personal services:

2. Safety when in the ACLF.

18. Pursuant to Tenn. Comp. R. and Reg. 0720-26-.10(2)(m) [formerly cited as 1200-08-25-.10(2)(m)] the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

(2) An ACLF shall ensure fire protection for residents by doing at least the following:

(m) Ensure that there are electrically-operated smoke detectors with battery back-up power operating at all times in, at least, resident sleeping units, day rooms, corridors, laundry room, and any other hazardous areas.

V. REPRESENTATIONS OF RESPONDENT

19. For purpose of settlement Respondent understands and admits the allegations, charges, and stipulations in this Order.
20. Respondent understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, the right to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Respondent, the right to testify and to present evidence on Respondent's own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review. Respondent voluntarily waives these rights in order to avoid further administrative action.
21. Respondent agrees that presentation of this Order to the Board and the Board's consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Order not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against the Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions.
22. Respondent agrees that facsimile/PDF copies of this Order, including facsimile/PDF signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as originals.
23. Respondent also agrees that the Board may issue this Order without further process. If the Board rejects this Order for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.

24. Respondent agrees that the facility has not received any threats or promises of any kind by the State or any agent or representative thereof, except such as is detailed herein.

VI. ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following:

25. Respondent is hereby assessed **two (2) Civil Monetary Penalties in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) each**, for a total amount of **four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00)**.
26. Payment shall be submitted to the following address within **thirty (30) calendar days** of the effective date of this Order.

**Tennessee Health Facilities Commission
Attention: Disciplinary Coordinator
665 Mainstream Drive, Second Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243**

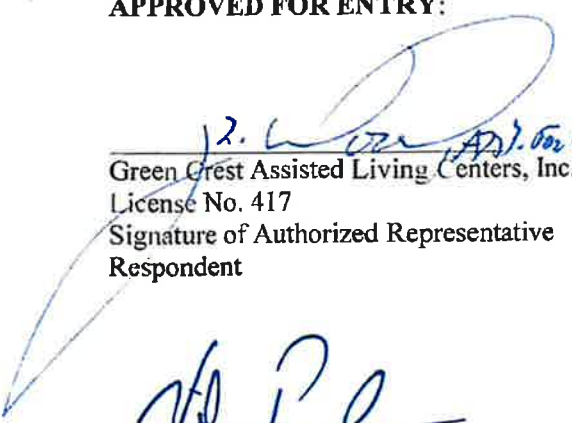
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ORDER HAS BEEN RATIFIED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD

27. Each condition of discipline herein is a separate and distinct condition. If any condition of this Order, or any application thereof, is declared unenforceable in whole, in part, or to any extent, the remainder of this Order, and all other applications thereof, shall not be affected. Each condition of this Order shall separately be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY:


Green Crest Assisted Living Centers, Inc.
License No. 417
Signature of Authorized Representative
Respondent

Rick L. Woods AT/Non Respondent
Printed Name of Authorized Representative

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Title of Authorized Representative


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Approval by the Board

Upon the agreement of the parties and the record as a whole, this **CONSENT ORDER** was approved as a **FINAL ORDER** by a majority of a quorum of the Tennessee Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities at a public meeting of the Board and signed this 5th day of June, 2024.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that the agreement of the parties does hereby become the Final Order of the Board.


Chairperson
Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of this document has been served upon the Respondent, Green Crest Assisted Living Centers, Inc., c/o Ricky L. Wood, Esquire, P.O. Box 636 Parsons, Tennessee 38363, by delivering same in the United States regular mail and United States certified mail, number 7021 2720 0000 2319 2471, return receipt requested, with sufficient postage thereon to reach its destination. A copy was sent via electronic mail to: woodlaw@woodlawtn.com.

This 5th day of June, 2024.



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Associate General Counsel