An annual licensure survey was conducted from April 2, 2015, to April 7, 2015, to determine compliance with the Assisted Living Law "DC Code § 44-101.01."

The Assisted Living Residence (ALR) provides care for one hundred and fourteen (114) residents and employs approximately twenty (20) employees to include professional and administrative staff. The findings of the survey were based on observations, record reviews, and interviews.

Please Note. Listed below are abbreviations used in this report.

Assisted Living Administrator - ALA
Assisted Living Residence - ALR
Director of Nursing - DON
Private Duty Aide - PDA

R 652: Effective April 15th, 2015, all Private Duty Aides (PDA) providing direct care to any resident of The Chevy Chase House, will be licensed by Department of Health (DOH) and have a current Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) status. We have created a staff position “Medical Records Specialist” whose focus and responsibility will be to verify the current licensure of every PDA and CNA providing service with The Chevy Chase House. This person has been hired and is currently serving in this capacity.

A database has been put in place, tracking the certification status of all current employees and each and every new applicant will provide proof of licensure and will be added to our database with a “tickler” which will render a 60 day expiration notice to the Medical Records employee. At that time, the employee or agency will be reminded that the 60 day renewal period has begun and proof must be provided prior to the expiration date or termination/suspension of services will be immediate.

On April 7, 2015, at approximately 11:00 a.m., review of PDA #2's personnel file fail to evidence that he/she was a certified nursing assistant.

During a telephone interview with the DON on
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April 7, 2015, at approximately at 11:30 a.m., the DON indicated that PDA#2 had worked with Resident #10 since 2013 providing direct hands-on care. Additionally, the DON indicated she was not aware that PDA #2 was not certified as a nursing assistant.

R 653 Sec. 702a2 Staff Training.

(2) Be certified as a home care aide as defined in the Medicare criteria in OBRA 1987; Based on record review and interview, it was determined that the ALR failed to ensure a private duty aide providing direct care for a resident was certified as a home health aide for one (1) of two (2) private duty aide's in the sample (PDA #2)

The finding includes:

On April 7, 2015, at approximately 11:00 a.m., review of PDA #2's personnel file fail to evidence that he/she was a certified home health aide.

During a telephone interview with the DON on April 7, 2015, at approximately at 11:30 a.m., the DON indicated that PDA#2 had worked with Resident #10 since 2013 providing direct hands-on care. Additionally, the DON indicated she was not aware that PDA #2 was not a certified home health aide.

R 960 Subheading Fire Safety.

Sec. 1002. Fire safety.

An ALR shall comply with the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association, NFPA 101, 1997 edition as follows:
Based on record review and interview, the ALR...
R960: Fire Safety: On April 2, 2015 when inspected, the log book was not available. As we made the inspectors aware, we had a sudden change in leadership at The Chevy Chase House with no opportunity for an organized transition. With the departure of the former Executive Director, the logs of our Fire Drills were misplaced and we were unable to locate the log at that time. However, I am very pleased that we were able to find the log book and the documentation of the previously held drills is attached.

The exercises were held on: 2/23/15, 12/23/14, 3/18/14, and 2/27/14. Attached you will also find the signed attendance sheets.

Going forward, fire drills will be conducted quarterly for every shift with the next one scheduled before April 30, 2015.