

Statement from Winchester Centre for Health and Rehabilitation:

Resident care and safety is our number one concern. It is not correct to say that we are closing. Although terminating Medicare and Medicaid funding is one option available to state and federal regulators, we do not expect to close the building because of the current survey activity.

During the most recent survey, the state raised some issues and concerns, which we take seriously. We have submitted a plan of correction and we are engaged in an ongoing dialogue with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. We are confident that the issues identified by the state survey agency have been corrected and we are optimistic that we will be able to demonstrate these corrections to the satisfaction of KCHFS and CMS.

In evaluating nursing centers there is no substitute for visits to nursing facilities and face-to-face discussions with caregivers as well as observing caregivers interacting with residents. We appreciate the support the community has shown us and we will continue to strive to provide the quality care the citizens of Winchester deserve and expect and look forward to being part of the community for many years to come.

Below is some additional information.

The Type A citation resulted from a medication error. Due to confidentiality laws, we are unable to disclose any other details.

We have undertaken extensive systematic changes and improvements and are dedicating extraordinary internal and external resources to ensure the quality care and safety of our residents.

No residents have been moved as a result of the current regulatory activity. However, we would in no way impede any resident who wanted to move for any reason, as long as they wanted to go to a medically appropriate setting.

