

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 025018	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 10/17/2023
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<p>F 0755</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide pharmaceutical services to meet the needs of each resident and employ or obtain the services of a licensed pharmacist.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 40259</p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to implement pharmaceutical services that included procedures to ensure the accurate dispensing and administration of medications for 2 residents (#s 1 and 2), out of 2 sampled residents. Specifically, the facility failed to ensure the pharmaceutical service processes included the receiving and interpretation of prescriber's original hand-written medication orders to confirm the Five Rights (right patient, right medication, right dose, right route, and right time) were accurately followed during the transcription of the orders into the resident's electronic Medication Administration Record (eMAR). This failed practice resulted in Resident #1 requiring hospitalization for an anemic crisis, did not respond to blood transfusions, and later died , which constituted an immediate jeopardy at, which constituted an immediate jeopardy at CFR 483.45(a) Pharmacy Services.</p> <p>This situation was brought to the attention of the facility's administration on [DATE] at 4:45 PM, at which time the facility was notified of identified immediate jeopardy.</p> <p>The facility submitted an acceptable removal plan on [DATE] at 2:30 PM.</p> <p>The State Survey Agency verified onsite that the immediacy was removed on [DATE] at 2:00 AM.</p> <p>The situation that constituted the immediate jeopardy started on [DATE] at 9:32 AM.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>Record review on [DATE] and [DATE] revealed Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included an abscess of the liver, chronic kidney disease, acute cholecystitis (inflammation of the gall bladder), and long term/current use of an anticoagulant (Heparin - a blood thinner medication that decreases the blood's ability to clot).</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's medication orders, dated [DATE], revealed an order for the anticoagulant, Heparin Sodium (Porcine) 5000 Unit/ml solution (1 ml/5000unit) SubQ [injection beneath the skin, but not muscle] every 8 hours ([6:00 AM], [2:00 PM], and [10:00 PM]) x 14 days. This medication was ordered for venous thromboembolism prophylaxis (VTE - a condition that occurs when blood clots form in veins, used as a preventative measure to prevent further clots).</p> <p>Medication Error Synopsis</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 40259</p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure residents were free from significant medication errors for 2 resident (#s 1 and 2), out of 2 sampled residents. The facility failed to implement and maintain processes and procedures to ensure accurate transcription of physician orders for medications. The facility administered seven doses of an anticoagulant medication (a blood thinning medication that decreases the blood's ability to clot) without a valid physician order which resulted in concurrent administration of two different anticoagulants. This failed practice resulted in Resident #1 requiring hospitalization for an anemic crisis, did not respond to blood transfusions, and later died, which constituted an immediate jeopardy at CFR 483.45(f)(2) Significant Medication Errors.</p> <p>This situation was brought to the attention of the facility's administration on [DATE] at 4:45 PM, at which time the facility was notified of identified immediate jeopardy.</p> <p>The facility submitted an acceptable removal plan on [DATE] at 6:40 PM.</p> <p>The State Survey Agency verified onsite that the immediacy was removed on [DATE] at 7:30 AM.</p> <p>The situation that constituted the immediate jeopardy started on [DATE] at 10:37 PM.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>Resident #1</p> <p>Record review conducted on [DATE] and [DATE] revealed Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included abscess of liver, chronic kidney disease, acute cholecystitis (inflammation of the gall bladder), and long term/current use of an anticoagulant (Heparin - a blood thinner medication that decreases the blood's ability to clot).</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's medication orders, dated [DATE], revealed an order for the anticoagulant, Heparin Sodium (Porcine) 5000 Unit/ml solution (1 ml/5000unit) SubQ [injection beneath the skin, but not muscle] every 8 hours ([6:00 AM], [2:00 PM], and [10:00 PM]) x 14 days. This medication was ordered for venous thromboembolism prophylaxis (VTE - a condition that occurs when blood clots form in veins, used as a preventative measure to prevent further clots).</p> <p>Medication Error Synopsis</p> <p>Record review revealed, on [DATE] at 6:30 PM, Physician #3 placed a hand-written order for LMWH [Low Molecular Weight Heparin: Enoxaparin, also called Lovenox] 80mg subQ BID [twice a day] [DATE]-[DATE] for atrial fibrillation in Resident #2's medical record.</p> <p>Further review revealed Licensed Nurse (LN) #4 signed off this medication order on [DATE] at 10:00 PM, in Resident #2's paper hard chart, however transcribed the order into Resident #1's ECS (Electronic Medication Administration Record [eMAR]) record in error.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Review of the facility's policy Order Management, dated ,d+[DATE], revealed: .Every Chart will be checked every night by a licensed nurse to ensure that all orders have been transcribed accurately and no orders have been missed. This is a second check on all orders .</p> <p>Review of the facility's protocol 24-Hour Check of Each Chart, dated ,d+[DATE], revealed: The assigned night shift nurse and/or rover nurse will review all orders and is responsible to ensure that the order is clearly written, transcribed correctly into eMAR and that all communications via fax and email were done (Pharmacy is faxed all controlled substance orders . If an order is found during the 24-hour check that had not been previously processed by nursing, the assigned night shift nurse will ensure that the order is processed .</p> <p>Further review revealed no process to ensure all orders transcribed into the ECS system were audited to ensure it had a written order in the resident's hard chart.</p>		