

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  035095	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  04/15/2026
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<p>F 0842</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Safeguard resident-identifiable information and/or maintain medical records on each resident that are in accordance with accepted professional standards.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> Based on clinical record review, interviews, the State Agency's (SA) complaint portal, and review of the facility's policies and procedures, the facility failed to ensure 5 out of 5 residents' (#7, #10, #40, #90, and #100) medications administration were accurately documented in the Medication Administration Record (MAR). The sample size was 5. The deficient practice could cause an unclear indication of whether medication was administered to the right resident. Findings include:-Regarding Resident #7:Resident #7 was admitted on [DATE], with diagnoses that included major depressive disorder, anemia, and sepsis. An order summary dated February 21, 2026, revealed an order for Oxycodone HCL Oral Tablet 5 MG (a Controlled Substance/ an Opioid), give 1 tablet by mouth every 8 hours as needed for pain. A comprehensive Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE], revealed a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 8, indicating that Resident # 7 had moderate cognitive impairment. The MDS further revealed that in Section N, the resident was taking opioid medications. An Individual Resident's Controlled Substance Record initiated on February 27, 2026, for Oxycodone HCL Oral Tablet 5 MG revealed that the Alleged Perpetrator, Licensed Practical Nurse ( LPN/staff #777), identified that she had administered the medication on March 04, 2026. However, the Medication Administration Record (MAR) for March 2026 for Oxycodone HCL Oral Tablet 5 MG revealed that the medication was not administered on March 04, 2026. A care plan initiated on March 02, 2026, revealed a focus area of expressing pain or discomfort as related to abdominal pain. The care plan also revealed a goal that the resident will not have an interruption in normal activities due to pain, with noted interventions including that the resident would be evaluated for the effectiveness of pain medication. -Regrading Resident #10Resident #10 was admitted on [DATE], with diagnoses that included Muscle Weakness, Cardiomyopathy, and cellulitis. A care plan initiated on February 13, 2026, revealed a focus area of expressing pain or discomfort. The care plan also revealed a goal that the resident will experience pain relief by the review date, and included an intervention noting to administer pain medication as ordered.A comprehensive (MDS) assessment dated [DATE], revealed a (BIMS) score of 13, indicating that Resident # 10 had moderate cognitive impairment. The MDS further revealed that in Section N, the resident was taking opioid medications. An order summary dated February 21, 2026, revealed an order for Oxycodone HCL Oral Tablet 5 MG (a Controlled Substance/ an Opioid), give 1 tablet by mouth every 6 hours as needed for pain. An Individual Resident's Controlled Substance Record initiated on February 19, 2026, for Oxycodone HCL Oral Tablet 5 MG revealed that Staff #777 identified that she had administered the medication on March 04, 2026.A Medication Administration Record (MAR) for March 2026 for Oxycodone HCL Oral Tablet 5 MG revealed that the medication was not administered on March 04, 2026. A witness Interview / Statement Form dated March 10, 2026, revealed that Resident #10 stated that he had not taken any narcotic pain medication since February 22, 2026. -Regarding Resident #40Resident #40 was admitted on [DATE], with diagnoses that included Chronic Kidney Disease, Anxiety disorder, and Heart Failure. A care plan initiated on February 17, 2026, revealed a focus area of expressing pain and discomfort. The care plan also revealed a goal that the resident will experience pain relief and interventions that (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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