

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 045479	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 11/07/2025
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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observations, interviews, record review, facility policy review, it was determined the facility failed to obtain and implement physician orders to provide care for a post-operative surgical wound for one (Resident #2) of three residents reviewed for wound care quality. Resident #2 experienced wound dehiscence, rehospitalization, and emergency surgery.</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>A review of a facility undated document titled, Admission/Readmission/Transfer back from hospital heads up form, indicated ways to prepare the room, gather needed equipment, and gathering of specific resident history. No guidance was provided for physician contact or intake of orders.</p> <p>A review of a facility document titled, Dressing Change Using Aseptic Technique, dated 11/22/2016, indicated steps for gathering equipment and supplies as well as steps through the procedure. There was no mention of referring to Physician Orders for assessment or instructions of documentation of the process.</p> <p>A review of the Charge Nurse Job Description revised on 09/25/2019 was provided by the Administrator as the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Job Description on 11/07/2025 and stated, the nurse was to Render skilled technical services to residents on an assigned hall or unit in support of medical care as directed by the attending physician and registered nursing staff to ensure that quality of care is provided to all residents. The position is a safety sensitive position as defined by applicable state law. Perform nursing services for the comfort and well-being of the residents and in accordance with physician's orders. Assess, record and report changes in residents' condition to supervisor and attending physician.</p> <p>During an interview on 11/07/2025 at 12:33 PM the Administrator stated there was no job description for the Registered Nurse (RN) Supervisor position.</p> <p>A review of an admission Record, indicated the facility admitted Resident #2 with diagnoses which included multiple myeloma in remission (a malignant tumor of the bone marrow), intra-abdominal and pelvic swelling, mass and lump, and pain.</p> <p>A review of Resident #2's Hospital Discharge Records dated 10/25/2025, indicated the resident underwent surgery on 10/16/2025 for mass resection. Staples were left in place over the incision and were to be removed on post operation day ten, 10/26/2025. No instruction for wound assessments, care, documentation, or when to notify the Physician were provided.</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 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A review of a 5-day Minimum Data Set (MDS), with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) of 10/30/2025 for Resident #2, four days after the resident was discharged , indicated the cognitive portion was incomplete.</p> <p>A review of Resident #2's Nsg Admit/Readmit/Quarterly Assessment dated 10/25/2025 at 1:21 PM and signed off by LPN #2, indicated Resident #2 had a Brief Interview of Mental Status (BIMS) score of 10, which indicated the resident had moderate cognitive impairment. The assessment also indicated a midline incision with staples and a dressing, drain removal area, and colostomy stoma to the right lower quadrant (A stoma is a surgically created opening in the abdomen that allows waste (urine or feces) to exit the body into a collection pouch, as the normal elimination path is diverted). The resident's pain was identified as almost constant, occasionally affecting sleep, almost constantly interfering with therapy and day-to-day activities. On a pain scale of 0-10, a score of 14 was recorded and described as severe. Both verbal complaints and protective body movements were documented, ABD [abdominal] guarding noted-medicated with PRN [as needed] pain meds.</p> <p>A review of Resident #2's Nsg-admission Summary note documented by LPN #2 on 10/25/2025 at 6:27 PM, indicated a midline abdominal incision with staples in place, a large amount of drainage from the naval which had settled into the resident's perineal area, and abdominal tenderness to palpitation.</p> <p>A review of Resident #2's Care Plan Report, dated 10/25/2025, revealed no Plan of Care (POC) for the resident's surgical wound or interventions to include care, monitoring, documenting, or reporting to physician. A POC for pain was described as acute related to abdominal surgery. Interventions included anticipating the resident's need for pain relief and responding immediately to any complaint of pain. Goals included the resident would have no interruption in normal activities due to pain and the resident would verbalize adequate relief of pain.</p> <p>A review of the Order Summary Report, revealed Resident #2 had no orders related to wound care, assessments, how and when to monitor for sign/symptom of wound complications, or when to notify the provider related to the surgical midline incision.</p> <p>A review of Resident #2's October Medication Administration Record (MAR), revealed Resident #2 had no documentation of the midline surgical incision dressing changes provided. Narcotic pain medication was administered seven times during the forty-eight hours Resident #2 was in the facility, twice it was recorded as ineffective.</p> <p>During an interview on 11/07/2025 at 8:25 PM, LPN #2 stated Resident #2 arrived at the facility on a Saturday, 10/25/2025. The hospital sent pain medications with the spouse, they were counted, and narcotic pain medication was administered. A sanitary napkin had been placed over the incision at the prior facility and was saturated. LPN #2 stated she cleaned up the resident, including the incisional area, and applied a new dressing. LPN #2 stated there was an estimated four inches that was not approximated on the incision line and the incision was draining a lot more than was explained to her in report from the prior facility. LPN #2 reported RN #4 was in the facility when the resident arrived but did not assess Resident #2's wound. LPN #2 stated I just do it, and that she, did not call the on-call provider.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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