

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  055430	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  01/08/2026
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<p>F 0558</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Reasonably accommodate the needs and preferences of each resident.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> Based on observations, interviews, and record reviews, the facility failed to accommodate needs for one of one sampled resident (Resident 1) who had a physician's order for a bariatric bed (specialized bed made specifically to accommodate larger and heavier patients) with bilateral 1/2 bed side rails (a structural support attached to the frame of a bed and intended to prevent a patient from falling) to maintain or achieve independent functioning and well-being. As a result of this deficient practice, Resident 1 was discovered on the floor, lying unconscious on [DATE]. The resident was later pronounced deceased, with the cause of death determined to be natural causes. Findings: During a review of Resident 1's admission Record indicated Resident 1 was initially admitted to the facility on [DATE] and readmitted on [DATE], with diagnoses that included obesity due to excess calories, hyperlipidemia (an excess of lipids or fats in the blood), and major depressive disorder (mood disorder that causes a persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest and can interfere with daily life). During a review of Resident 1's History and Physical (H&amp;P) dated [DATE] indicated Resident 1 had the capacity to understand and make decisions. During a review of Resident 1's Order Summary dated [DATE] indicated a physician order for bariatric bed with bilateral 1/2 bed side rails. During a review of Resident 1's Weights and Vitals Summary dated [DATE] at 12:28 AM, Resident 1's weight was 265 pounds (lbs. A unit of measurement). During a review of Resident 1's care plans dated [DATE] indicated Resident 1 had self-care performance deficit related to respiratory failure with hypoxia (low levels of oxygen in the body tissues), chronic kidney disease (CKD, gradual loss of kidney function where damaged kidneys cannot properly filter waste and fluid from the blood), hypertension (HTN), pneumonia (inflammation, coronary heart failure (CHF), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD, ongoing lung condition caused by damage to the lungs), asthma, hyperlipidemia (HLD), presence of pacemaker, neuropathy, depression, impaired mobility, and incontinence. The care plan indicated an intervention for the use of a bariatric bed with bilateral 1/2 bed side rails. The care plan indicated Resident 1 required assistance from the bed side rails to assist with turning. During a review of Resident 1's active care plan dated [DATE] indicated Resident 1 was at risk for falls related to respiratory failure with hypoxia, CKD, HTN, pneumonia, CHF, COPD, asthma, HLD, presence of pacemaker, neuropathy, depression, impaired mobility, and incontinence. The fall risk care plan indicated Resident 1 needed a safe environment: floors free from spills and/or clutter, adequate, glare-free light; a working and reachable call light, the bed in low position at night; side rails as ordered, handrails on walls, and personal items within reach. During a review of Resident 1's nursing progress notes indicated on [DATE] timed at 12:16 AM, the progress note indicated Resident 1 refused to change her bed to a bariatric bed, stating I just want to rest and was endorsed to next shift. During a review of the nursing progress notes, on [DATE] timed at 6:35 AM, the progress note indicated Resident 1 was found resting in bed at 11:45 PM and licensed vocational nurse (LVN) 1 held a brief conversation with Resident 1 about the new room she (Resident 1) was in. The</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 0558</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>[DATE], but on this readmission, on [DATE], Resident 1 did not verbalize a request for a bariatric bed. LVN 1 stated regarding the regular size bed, that Resident 1 barely fit in the bed. During a telephone interview on [DATE] at 2:42 PM, LVN 1 stated Resident 1's bed from readmission did not have side rails. During a telephone interview on [DATE] at 3:01 PM, Family Member (FM) 1 stated prior to Resident 1's hospitalization, Resident 1 had a bariatric bed for comfort and safety. FM 1 stated Resident 1 was almost 300 pounds and a regular bed did not fit her at all. FM 1 stated Resident 1 was non-ambulatory and bed bound. During a telephone interview on [DATE] at 9:02 AM, RNS 1 stated when Resident 1 arrived at the facility for readmission on [DATE] she was brought in via gurney with the paramedics. RNS 1 stated Resident 1 was able to move from the gurney into a regular bed, in her room. RNS 1 stated Resident 1 was offered a bariatric bed but refused. RNS 1 stated Resident 1 said she wanted to rest. RNS 1 stated she could not recall if Resident 1's bed had side rails. During a concurrent observation and interview in Resident 1's room on [DATE] at 9:38 AM, MS stated the bed in the room was the same bed used when Resident 1 was readmitted to the facility. MS stated the bed was a regular bed and not a bariatric bed. During a concurrent interview and record review of Resident 1's Physician's Order for bariatric bed with 1/2 siderails on [DATE] at 11:53 AM The DON stated the purpose of Resident 1's 1/2 side rails were used as an enabler. The DON stated she could not recall why the bariatric bed was not ready prior to Resident 1's readmission. The DON stated the bed was readily available and she remembered seeing the bariatric bed in the hallway, but Resident 1 refused the bed. A review of Resident 1's County of Los Angeles Medical Examiner document, with a date of death of [DATE], the document indicated the manner of death was natural, caused by congestive heart failure and obesity. A review of the facility's policy and procedure (P&amp;P) titled Admissions: Continuum of Care dated [DATE] indicated it was the policy of facility to have guidelines for processing the Resident's entry into the nursing facility. The P&amp;P indicated the purpose was to provide the Resident with information and resources for his/her care and comfort. The P&amp;P indicated the room and bedside unit will be checked for appropriate supplies. The P&amp;P indicated the following procedures for the licensed nurse: initiate any required treatments (oxygen, intravenous) necessary at time of admission per transfer orders; note and initiate physician orders; address all care and services for identified diagnosis and health concerns; initiate medications and treatment. A review of the facility's P&amp;P titled Safety, Resident, dated 9/2017 indicated it was the policy of the facility to create a safe environment for the resident. The P&amp;P indicated to conduct room checks routinely by staff members to promote quality of life and ensure safety of resident residing in the facility. The P&amp;P indicated room checks include but not limited to resident observations (wearing appropriate clothing, oral hygiene, assistive devices, alarms, etc) and bedside observation (call lights within reach).</p>		

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<p>F 0755</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</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><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> Based on interview and record review the facility failed to ensure one (1) of 1 sampled resident (Resident 1) was safely provided with her own routine medications from the pharmacy or cubex (automated medication management system to securely store, track, and dispense medications) as ordered by the physician and in accordance with the Policy and Procedure (P&amp;P) titled, Six Rights of Medication Administration. This deficient practice resulted in Resident 1 to miss one dose of albuterol (bronchodilator medicine that relaxes airway muscles to treat and prevent wheezing, shortness of breath, and chest tightness) and to receive one dose of Heparin (an anticoagulant medication that prevents blood from clotting) that belonged to another resident (Resident 3). This had the potential to negatively impact Resident 1's medical conditions resulting in fall with injury, coma, or death. During a review of Resident 1's admission Record indicated Resident 1 was initially admitted to the facility on [DATE] and readmitted on [DATE], with diagnoses that included obesity due to excess calories, hyperlipidemia (an excess of lipids or fats in the blood), and major depressive disorder (mood disorder that causes a persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest and can interfere with daily life). During a review of Resident 1's History and Physical (H&amp;P) dated 1/2/2026 indicated Resident 1 had the capacity to understand and make decisions. During a review of Resident 1's Order Summary dated 1/2/2026 indicated the following physician orders: a. Ipratropium Albuterol Inhalation Solution 0.5-2,.5 (3) milligram (mg, unit of measure) per 3 milliliters (ml, unit of measure) 3 ml inhale orally via nebulizer (medical device that turns liquid medicine into a fine mist, allowing it to be inhaled directly into the lungs through a mouthpiece or mask) every 6 hours for respiratory failure, to be given routinely.b. Heparin Sodium (Porcine) Injection Solution 5000-unit (unit of measure) per milliliter (ml, unit of measure) inject 500 unit subcutaneously every 8 hours for deep vein thrombosis (DVT, a serious condition where a blood clot forms in a deep vein) prophylaxis, first dose to be taken from cubex. During a review of Resident 1's Medication Administration Record (MAR) dated 1/2026, the MAR indicated Resident 1 received the following medications: a. Heparin Injection Solution 5000 unit was last given on 1/2/2026 at 10 PM.b. Albuterol Inhalation Solution was last given on 1/3/2026 at 12 AM. During a review of the facility's Cubex receipts titled Transactions by Cabinet C6 and Controlled Subs, by Cab (cabinet), and bin, by time C81 dated 1/2/2026 to 1/3/2026 indicated no transactions were made for Resident 1. During a review of the Pharmacy Delivery Receipt dated 1/3/2026, the receipt indicated a delivery for Resident 1's medications on 1/3/2026 at 5:15 AM. The receipt indicated the following medications were delivered and returned back to pharmacy: a. Solifenacin (medication used to treat overactive bladder symptoms like urinary urgency, frequency, and incontinence) 5 mg tablet, Quantity: 14, 1 Package .b. Sertraline Hydrochloride (used to treat depression [mood disorder that causes persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest]) 25 mg tablet, Quantity: 14, 1 Package.c. Isosorbide Mononitrate (medication used to prevent chest pain from coronary heart disease) 20 mg tablet, Quantity: 14, 1 Package.d. Isosorbide Mononitrate 10 mg tablet, Quantity: 14, 1 Package.e. Ondansetron Hydrochloride (medication to prevent nausea and vomiting) 4 mg tablet, Quantity: 30, 1 Package.f. Metoprolol Succinate Extended Release (ER) (used to treat chest pain [angina] and hypertension [high blood pressure]) 25 mg tablet, Quantity: 14, 1 Package g. Ipratropium Albuterol Inhalation Solution 0.5-3(2.5) mg/ 3 ml, Quantity: 90, 1 Package.h. Heparin Sodium 5000 unit/ml vial, Quantity: 21, 1 Packagei. Gabapentin (medication used to help control partial seizures [convulsions] in the treatment of epilepsy [brain condition that causes recurring seizures]) 100 mg capsule, Quantity: 84, 1 Packagej. Clopidogrel (antiplatelet medication that prevents blood platelets from sticking</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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