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<p>F 0678</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide basic life support, including CPR, prior to the arrival of emergency medical personnel, subject to physician orders and the resident's advance directives.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 45099</b></p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure one (1) of 1 sampled resident (Resident 1) was provided with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR-a lifesaving emergency procedure for a victim who has signs of cardiac arrest [a situation when a victim becomes unresponsive, no normal breathing, and no pulse]), in accordance with the standard of practice on basic life support and the facility's cardiopulmonary resuscitation policy by failing to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure facility staff immediately start CPR when Resident 1 was found unresponsive (no movement or response to stimuli and no pulse or respirations). Instead, Licensed Vocational Nurse 1 (LVN 1) walked to the nurses' station, which was about 30 feet away from the resident to check on the resident's code status (type of emergent treatment a resident would or would not receive if their heart or breathing were to stop) before starting CPR.</li> <li>2. Ensure facility staff immediately start CPR when Resident 1 was found unresponsive. Instead, Resident 1 was moved from outside his room to the resident's room, which was about 10 feet away, and placed on the bed prior to starting CPR.</li> </ol> <p>As a result of these failures, Resident 1 did not receive immediate CPR and was pronounced dead by the paramedics (healthcare professional that respond to emergency calls and performs CPR to the victims) on [DATE] at 9:23 PM, 35 minutes after Resident 1 became unresponsive, due to cardiac and respiratory arrest (heart and lungs stopped functioning) related to asphyxia (the state or process of dying from not having enough air or unable to breathe).</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>On [DATE] at 11:50 PM, while onsite at the facility, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) identified an Immediate Jeopardy situation (IJ, a situation in which the provider's noncompliance with one or more requirements of participation has caused or is likely to cause serious injury, harm, impairment, or death of a resident) regarding quality-of-care services. The survey team notified the Director of Nursing (DON), the Administrator (ADM), the [NAME] President of Operation (VPO), and Quality Assurance (QA) consultant of the IJ situation due to delay in the initiation of CPR to Resident 1.</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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