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<p>F 0658</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure services provided by the nursing facility meet professional standards of quality.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 46995</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to follow physician orders for two of 23 sampled residents (Resident 94 and Resident 6) when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anti-anxiety medication was given without first offering nonpharmacological interventions for Resident 94, and</li> <li>2. Bladder scan was not completed for Resident 6.</li> </ol> <p>These failures placed Resident 94 at risk for unnecessary medication and increased the risk for Resident 6 for unmet care needs.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Resident 94 was admitted to the facility in late 2024 with diagnoses which included nerve pain, generalized anxiety and difficulty recovering after experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event.</li> </ol> <p>During a review of Resident 94's Minimum Data Set (MDS, an assessment tool), dated 11/26/24, the MDS indicated Resident 94 was able to independently make decisions regarding tasks of daily life without memory impairment.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 94's Clinical Physician Orders, the physician order indicated, Lorazepam [an anti-anxiety medication] Oral Tablet 0.5MG [milligram, unit of measurement for medication dosage] with start date of 11/13/24 at 5 p.m.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 94's Clinical Physician Orders, the physician order indicated, Attempt Non-Pharmacological Approaches Prior To Anti-Anxiety Med .Document On Emar (electronic medication administration) Attempts Taken with start date of 11/13/24 at 4 p.m.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 94's MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION RECORD (MAR), the MAR indicated, Resident 94 received Lorazepam Oral Tablet 0.5 MG on the following dates: 11/14/24, 11/15/24, 11/16/24, twice on 11/17/24, 11/19/24, 11/20/24, 11/21/24, and on 11/26/24 without any documented evidence of attempts for non-pharmacological approach.</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 0658</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 12/4/24 at 2:42 p.m. with Licensed Nurse (LN 4), LN 4 stated that staff should prioritize non-pharmacological interventions before administering anti-anxiety medications. LN 4 stated that the MAR required documentation of interventions. LN 4 stated that residents may develop medication tolerance due to frequent administration, especially when non-pharmacological approaches could be effective.</p> <p>During a concurrent interview and records review on 12/4/24 at 3:01 a.m. with the Director of Nursing (DON), the DON confirmed that Lorazepam 0.5 MG was administered without documentations of non-pharmacological approach on the MAR. The DON stated he expected the nurses to make sure to follow physician orders before administering medications for residents.</p> <p>2. Resident 6 was admitted to the facility in mid-2022 with diagnoses which included discomfort when urinating, difficulty emptying the bladder and improperly functioning bladder muscles.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 6's MDS, dated [DATE], the MDS indicated Resident 6 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS, a cognitive screening tool) score of 15 out of 15, with no memory impairment.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 6's AFTER VISIT SUMMARY, dated 11/21/24, the summary indicated, Instructions .Please bladder scan x 3 [three times in the AM, PM and evening] after each void please records (sic) results please complete by 11/25 .</p> <p>During a review of Resident 6's MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION RECORD [MAR], dated 11/22/24, the MAR indicated, Bladder scan resident 3x day and record results . Bladder scan results were not recorded in the MAR for 11/22, 11/23, 11/24, or 11/25/24.</p> <p>During an interview on 12/2/24 at 3:44 p.m. with Resident 6, Resident 6 stated, I am supposed to be bladder scanned after every pee. They said they lost the bladder scanner. They have not scanned my bladder once.</p> <p>During an interview on 12/4/24 at 10:12 a.m. with LN 4, LN 4 confirmed there was no documented bladder scan completed for Resident 6 and stated, I don't see anything about the physician being notified it [bladder scan] was not done . LN 4 indicated the bladder scan was important to determine if Resident 6 was having urinary retention and Stated, Urologist requested it. If it's important to him, it's important to us .</p> <p>During an interview on 12/5/24 at 10:15 a.m. with the DON, the DON stated he expected physician orders to be carried out by the nurse. Our bladder scan was taken. I had instructed the nurse to notify the physician . from what I see in the notes it was not documented .</p> <p>During a review of the facility's policy and procedure (P&amp;P) titled, Physician Orders, dated 10/24, the P&amp;P indicated, Prescribed medication and treatment orders will be carried out in accordance with the physician/nurse practitioner order .The licensed staff shall carry out physician/nurse practitioner's orders as prescribed .</p> <p>48860</p>		

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<p>F 0761</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure drugs and biologicals used in the facility are labeled in accordance with currently accepted professional principles; and all drugs and biologicals must be stored in locked compartments, separately locked, compartments for controlled drugs.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 48860</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure opened medications were dated and properly stored for two residents (Resident 31 and Resident 16) for a census of 90.</p> <p>This failure had the potential for residents to receive medications with unsafe or reduced potency from improper storage for Resident 16 or being used past their expiration date for Resident 31.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>During an observation and interview on [DATE] at 9:32 a.m., with the Director of Nursing (DON) in Medication room [ROOM NUMBER], an opened Ozempic (a medication used to treat Type 2 Diabetes) injection pen for Resident 31 was observed to be stored inside a resealable bag without a written opened date on the label. There was another open Ozempic injection pen for Resident 16 in the resealable bag without a pen cap to cover the pen window where the needle was attached.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 9:30 a.m. with Licensed Nurse 5 (LN 5), LN 5 stated the importance of dating and labeling Ozempic when opened to avoid using expired medication which could be less effective. LN 5 stated that storing Ozempic without a cap could increase the risk of contamination and potentially leading to adverse effects for residents.</p> <p>In an interview on [DATE] at 2:59 p.m., the DON stated staff should verify expiration dates on Ozempic injection pens, record the date when a pen was first opened, and ensure proper storage of these medications.</p> <p>Review of manufacturer's instruction for Ozempic, dated ,d+[DATE], indicated, Store your pen in use for 56 days at room temperature .The OZEMPIC pen you are using should be disposed of (thrown away) after 56 days, even if it still has OZEMPIC left in it .Keep the pen cap on when not in use .</p>		

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<p>F 0812</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Procure food from sources approved or considered satisfactory and store, prepare, distribute and serve food in accordance with professional standards.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 50541</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to safely store foods according to professional practice standards for a census of 90 residents when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Potentially Hazardous Food (PHF) such as unpasteurized eggs, cheese, half and half, turkey, and ham was left unattended on the floor and shelving outside of the kitchen refrigerator for longer than two hours;</li> <li>2. Expired banana pudding was found in the kitchen refrigerator available for use; and,</li> <li>3. Twelve individual containers of salad dressing were stored unlabeled and undated in the kitchen refrigerator available for use.</li> </ol> <p>These failures had the potential to cause a widespread foodborne illness among residents from consumption of contaminated, spoiled or unlabeled foods.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>1. During a concurrent initial kitchen observation and interview on [DATE] at 8:46 a.m. with [NAME] (CK) in front of the walk-in refrigerator in the kitchen, there were boxes of unpasteurized eggs, cheese, half and half, turkey, and ham observed left unattended on the floor and shelving. CK verified the words Keep Refrigerated were printed on the boxes. CK stated the boxes had been there since she arrived at work that morning before 6 a.m. CK stated her boss usually put the food away, but he was on vacation. When asked if the food was safe, the CK stated, I don't know if it's still good.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 9:07 a.m. with Registered Dietitian (RD) in the kitchen outside of the refrigerator, RD stated the boxes of food delivered should be out no more than two hours. RD would check the invoice delivery time and throw out the boxes if greater than two hours.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 11:23 a.m. with the Dietary Manager (DM), DM reported food delivered should be put away immediately as soon as it arrived. DM stated, We don't want refrigerated food sitting out longer than one to two hours. The DM reported if refrigerated food was left out longer than two hours, staff would go by protocol and toss the food out.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 10:20 a.m. with Dietary Consultant (DC), Registered Dietitian (RD), and Dietary Manager (DM), DC, RD, and DM all verbalized refrigerated food should be thrown out after two hours if not stored in the refrigerator.</p> <p>During a review of the facility's policy and procedure titled, General Receiving of Delivery of Food and Supplies, dated 2023, indicated, Deliveries will be scheduled .when trained staff are available to .store food promptly and in a safe manner. The policy further indicated, Deliveries are to be put away as quickly as possible. Begin with refrigerated items .</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 29825</p> <p>Based on observation, interview and record review, the facility failed to follow infection prevention guidelines for a census of 90 residents when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Personal wash basins were unlabeled, and</li> <li>2. Male urinals were inconsistently labeled.</li> </ol> <p>These failures had the increased potential to place the residents at risk for infection.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Resident 299 was admitted to the facility in the summer of 2024 with diagnoses which included adult failure to thrive.</li> </ol> <p>During a review of Resident 299's Minimum Data Set (MDS, an assessment tool), dated 9/19/24, the MDS indicated Resident 299 had moderate memory impairment and required set up or clean up assistance with toileting and personal hygiene.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 299's care plan (CP) titled ADL/Mobility .Resident .is at risk for .decline and requires assistance related to .failure to thrive, dated 6/16/24, the CP indicated Hygiene .set up assist .</p> <p>During an observation on 12/2/24 at 9:44 a.m., a poster titled Enhanced Barrier Precautions [EBP, an infection control method that involves wearing gowns and gloves during high-contact care activities for residents in nursing homes] was pinned outside the door of Resident 299 and Resident 75's shared room.</p> <p>Resident 75 was admitted to the facility in the spring of 2024 with diagnoses which included resistance to drugs that kills microorganisms.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 75's MDS, dated [DATE], the MDS indicated Resident 75 was alert, oriented, and dependent on staff for showers, bathing and personal hygiene.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 75's CP, titled ADL[Activities of Daily Living, basic self-care tasks people perform to live independently including eating, dressing, bathing, toileting, etc]/Mobility .requires assistance related to bed-bound status , dated 3/29/24, the CP indicated, Hygiene .Assist of (dependent) .</p> <p>During and observation on 12/2/24 at 9:47 a.m., Resident 75 was in bed, snoring with a urinary catheter hanging from the left side of the bed frame.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During a concurrent observation and interview on 12/2/24 at 9:50 a.m., with Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) 1, COTA 1 verified two gray basins on back of the toilet shared by Resident 299 and Resident 75 had no names. The COTA stated, I believe they are supposed to be labeled with [a] minimum [of] first and last name and the bed, at least .I would. I discussed it with the Director of Rehab [rehabilitation], and we don't put names on because of HIPAA [HIPAA is an acronym for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, a federal law that protects the privacy and security of medical records and other personal health information] but you should have the room number.</p> <p>Resident 70 was admitted to the facility in the summer of 2023 with diagnosis which included inflammation of the tube leading from the throat to the stomach and a condition in which small, bulging pouches from the walls of the colon that could become inflamed and infected.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 70's MDS, dated [DATE], the MDS indicated Resident 70 was alert and oriented, able to make her needs known. She required maximal assistance for personal hygiene and was dependent on staff for showering and bathing.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 70's CP titled ADL/Mobility .requires assistance related to fluctuating ADLs ., dated 12/4/24, the CP indicated Hygiene .Assist .partial/mod [moderate] .</p> <p>During an interview on 12/2/24 at 10:22 a.m. with Resident 70, she was lying in bed in her room across from Resident 43 and stated she had been experiencing diarrhea for two months.</p> <p>Resident 43 was readmitted to the facility in the winter of 2021 with diagnoses which included a condition that causes a gradual decline in memory and inability to control of feces and urine.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 43's MDS, dated [DATE], the MDS indicated Resident 43 was alert and oriented but dependent on staff for personal hygiene, showers and bathing.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 43's CP titled, ADL .Requires assist in the following areas .Personal Hygiene . Bathing, dated 12/16/22, the CP indicated. Assist with maintaining good personal hygiene .</p> <p>During a concurrent observation and interview with Resident 43 on 12/2/24 at 10:31 a.m., Resident 43 indicated she was incontinent of both urine and feces.</p> <p>During a concurrent observation and interview on 12/2/24 at 10:36 a.m. with Certified Nurse's Assistant (CNA) 2, there was an unlabeled gray basin on the back of the toilet in the bathroom shared by Resident 43 and Resident 70. CNA 2 verified the basin was unlabeled and said, I personally use these for bed baths .I don't know whose it is.</p> <p>During an interview with the Director of Staff Development (DSD) on 2/5/24 at 9:09 a.m., the DSD stated her expectation for CNAs was to label the basins with the name, not the room number, because of frequent room changes. They should be labeled.</p> <p>During a review of the facility policy and procedure (P&amp;P) titled Infection Prevention and Control, revised 8/24, the P&amp;P indicated Important facets of infection prevention include .instituting measures to avoid complication or dissemination .educating staff and ensuring that they adhere to proper techniques and procedures .</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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