

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 05A355	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 01/08/2025
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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Immediately tell the resident, the resident's doctor, and a family member of situations (injury/decline/room, etc.) that affect the resident.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 46415</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility staff members failed to notify the physician when Tamiflu (medication used to prevent and treat infections caused by the flu virus) was not available immediately when residents were symptomatic for two of seven sampled residents (Resident 5 and 4).</p> <p>This deficient practice had the potential to delay medical interventions.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>a. During a review of Resident 5's Admission Record (Face Sheet), the Face Sheet indicated Resident 5 was originally admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including respiratory syncytial virus (a virus that causes infections of the respiratory tract), acute lower respiratory infection (a sudden infection that affects the lower airways of the lungs), and hypertension (high blood pressure).</p> <p>During a review of Resident 5's Minimum Data Set (MDSresident assessment, dated 11/11/2024, the MDS indicated Resident 5's cognitive skills (the mental action or process of acquiring knowledge and understanding through thought, experience, and the senses) were mildly impaired.</p> <p>During a review of the Medical Administration Record (MAR: a document that indicates the medications taken by each individual) for December 2024, the MAR indicated Resident 5 started receiving Tamiflu Oral Capsule 75mg by mouth two times a day for influenza exposure and symptomatic for influenza for five (5) days on 12/30/2024. It is indicated on 12/28/2024, the medication is unavailable.</p> <p>During a review of the Progress Notes, the progress notes indicated on 12/28/2024, per facility pharmacy, Tamiflu oral capsule 75mg will be delivered on Monday.</p> <p>.</p> <p>During a concurrent interview and record review on 1/7/2025 at 1:36p.m. with Licensed Vocational Nurse 2 (LVN 2), LVN 2 stated on the progress note dated 12/28/2024 at 3:00p.m. indicated per facility pharmacy, Tamiflu will be delivered on Monday 12/30/2024.</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 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During a concurrent interview and record review on 1/7/2025 at 3:40p.m. with Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON), ADON stated the order for Resident 5 indicated Tamiflu Oral Capsule 75 MG (Oseltamivir Phosphate) was ordered on 12/27/2024 at 9:29p.m. and was to start the following morning on 12/28/2024. for 5 days. ADON stated the medication was discontinued since the medication was not available and could not start the medication on 12/28/2024 and was started on 12/30/2024. ADON stated there is no note indicated the doctor was notified that the medication was not available.</p> <p>b. During a review of Resident 4's Face Sheet, the Face Sheet indicated Resident 4 was originally admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including acute lower respiratory infection, Type II Diabetes Mellitus (DM: a disorder characterized by difficulty in blood sugar control and poor wound healing), and hypertension.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 4's MDS dated [DATE], the MDS indicated Resident 4's cognitive skills were intact. The MDS indicated Resident 4 is independent and required setup for oral hygiene, bathing, and personal hygiene. The MDS indicated Resident 4 does not have any impairments on both the upper (arms/shoulders) and lower extremities.</p> <p>During a review of the MAR for December 2024, the MAR indicated Resident 4 started receiving Tamiflu Oral Capsule 75mg by mouth two times a day for influenza exposure and symptomatic for influenza for 5 days on 12/30/2024. It is indicated on 12/28/2024, the medication is unavailable.</p> <p>During a review of the Progress Notes, the progress notes indicated on 12/28/2024, per facility pharmacy, Tamiflu oral capsule 75mg will be delivered on Monday.</p> <p>During an interview on 1/6/2025 at 1:46p.m. with ADON, ADON stated on 12/27/2024, the pharmacy ran out of Tamiflu on 12/27/2024 and there were some residents who received Tamiflu on 12/27/2024, but most of the residents did not start Tamiflu until 12/30/2024 and 12/31/2024. ADON stated pharmacy was not able to provide additional Tamiflu until 12/30/2024. ADON stated if Tamiflu was available on 12/28/2024, the residents would have been less symptomatic.</p> <p>During an interview on 1/6/2024 at 4:48p.m. with Director of Nursing (DON), DON stated Resident 4 had an order for Tamiflu to be given on 12/27/2024 but was given on 12/30/2024 due to medication shortage . DON stated if treatment is delayed, there would have been more positive cases for the flu. DON stated when the medication is not available, they would notify the doctor.</p> <p>During an interview on 1/7/2025 at 4:29p.m. with Registered Nurse Supervisor 2 (RNS 2), RNS 2 stated if Tamiflu was not available, he would call pharmacy, ask if there are any alternative that can be provided, and if it is not available, call the doctor and relay the information. RNS 2 stated it should be documented in the progress notes when the doctor is notified since no one would know unless it was documented.</p> <p>During an interview on 1/7/2025 at 4:50p.m. with ADON, ADON stated Resident 5 and Resident 4 had an order for Tamiflu on 12/27/2024 but was cancelled on 12/28/2024 since the medication was not received. ADON stated they should have documented that the doctor was called and indicated if it was not documented, it did not happen. ADON stated if the residents were symptomatic and did not receive the medication, the doctor would have said to wait or possibly give a different order. ADON stated the residents would have been monitored for signs and symptoms while they did not have the medication.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0657</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Develop the complete care plan within 7 days of the comprehensive assessment; and prepared, reviewed, and revised by a team of health professionals.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 46415</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to implement their careplan for four of seven residents (Resident 5, 4, and 3) and did not monitor the vital signs every four hours as indicated.</p> <p>This deficient practice had the potential to compromise other resident's wellbeing.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>a. During a review of Resident 5's Admission Record (Face Sheet) the Face Sheet indicated Resident 5 was originally admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including respiratory syncytial virus (a virus that causes infections of the respiratory tract), acute lower respiratory infection (a sudden infection that affects the lower airways of the lungs), and hypertension (high blood pressure).</p> <p>During a review of Resident 5's Minimum Data Set [(MDS) a standardized assessment and care screening tool], dated 11/11/2024, the MDS indicated Resident 5's cognitive skills (the mental action or process of acquiring knowledge and understanding through thought, experience, and the senses) were mildly impaired. The MDS indicated Resident 5 required moderate assistance for dressing and personal hygiene, required supervision for toilet transfer, and bathing, and required set up for toilet and oral hygiene and eating. The MDS indicated Resident 5 utilized a wheelchair for mobility and had impairments on the lower extremities (arms and legs) bilaterally.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 5's Care Plan (CP) initiated on 12/30/2024, the CP indicated Resident 5 is currently on antiviral medication (medication that helps the body fight off viruses) due to testing positive for Influenza virus (also known as the flu which is a highly contagious respiratory illness that infects the nose, throat and lungs). The CP intervention indicated to monitor vital signs and oxygen saturation every four hours, report abnormal values and any unusual observation to medical doctor (MD) promptly dated 12/30/2024.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 5's temperature indicated the following:</p> <p>1/1/2025 9:42a.m. 97.2 Fahrenheit (F: temperature scale) on the forehead</p> <p>12/31/2024 8:37p.m. 97.4 F on the forehead</p> <p>12/31/2024 4:24p.m. 97.9 F on the forehead</p> <p>12/31/2024 10:29a.m. 98.2 F on the forehead</p> <p>12/30/2024 6:40p.m. 97.9 F on the forehead</p> <p>12/30/2024 8:33a.m. 97.7 F on the forehead</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0657</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During an interview on 1/8/2025 at 1:13p.m. with Director of Nursing (DON), DON stated vital signs include blood pressure, temperature, pain assessment, oxygen, respiration, and pulse. DON stated vital signs are taken to monitor the residents condition to identify if there are any changes. DON stated vital signs are reflected in the vital sign portal. DON stated care plans are initiated upon admission and the Minimum Data Set Coordinator (MDSC) will revise or discontinue the care plan on a quarterly basis. DON stated care plans are updated continuously and when there is a change of condition (COC) or when there is a new medication. DON stated the purpose of a care plan is to provide proper plan of care and would have to follow care plans as that is how they take care of the residents.</p> <p>During a concurrent interview and record review on 1/8/2025 at 1:16p.m. with DON, DON stated Resident 5's care plan indicated to monitor the residents every four hours. DON stated the temperature from 12/27/2024 to 1/8/2025 does not reflect that the temperature was taken every four hours. DON stated they did not implement the monitoring every four hours, for the temperature, pulse, respiration, and oxygen.</p> <p>b. During a review of Resident 4's Face Sheet, the Face Sheet indicated Resident 4 was originally admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including acute lower respiratory infection, Type II Diabetes Mellitus (DM: a disorder characterized by difficulty in blood sugar control and poor wound healing), and hypertension.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 4's MDS dated [DATE], the MDS indicated Resident 5's cognitive skills were intact. The MDS indicated Resident 4 is independent and required setup for oral hygiene, bathing, and personal hygiene. The MDS indicated Resident 4 does not have any impairments on both the upper (arms/shoulders) and lower extremities.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 4's CP initiated on 12/30/2024, the CP indicated Resident 4 is currently on antiviral medication due to testing positive for Influenza virus. The CP intervention indicated to monitor vital signs and oxygen saturation every four hours, report abnormal values and any unusual observation to medical doctor (MD) promptly dated 12/30/2024.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 4's oxygen indicated the following:</p> <p>1/2/2025 9:54a.m. 92.0% Room Air</p> <p>1/2/2025 3:20a.m. 94.0% 2 liters per minute (L/Min: a low-flow device that delivers oxygen to the resident's lower airways).</p> <p>1/1/2025 8:51p.m. 98.0% Room Air</p> <p>1/1/2025 4:32p.m. 97.0% Room Air</p> <p>1/1/2025 9:50a.m. 92.0% Room Air</p> <p>12/31/2024 8:51p.m. 96.0% Room Air</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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<p>F 0657</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During a concurrent interview and record review on 1/8/2025 at 1:19p.m. with DON, DON stated Resident 4's CP indicated to monitor vital signs every four hours. DON stated they monitor the temperature and other vital signs to ensure the residents are stabilizing. DON stated the date of the CP initiation is 12/30/2024 and will be implemented until the resident finish the Tamiflu (medicine used to treat Influenza).</p> <p>During a concurrent interview and record review on 1/8/2025 at 1:21p.m. with DON, DON stated the staffs were doing vitals, but it was not consistently every four hours.</p> <p>c. During a review of Resident 3's Face Sheet, the Face Sheet indicated Resident 3 was originally admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including acute lower respiratory infection, hypertension, and schizophrenia (a mental illness that is characterized by disturbances in thought).</p> <p>During a review of Resident 3's MDS dated [DATE], the MDS indicated Resident 3's cognitive skills were intact. The MDS indicated Resident 3 is independent and required setup for eating and bathing. The MDS indicated Resident 4 does not have any impairments on both the upper and lower extremities.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 3's CP initiated on 12/30/2024, the CP indicated Resident 3 is currently on antiviral medication due to testing positive for Influenza virus. The CP intervention indicated to monitor vital signs and oxygen saturation every four hours, report abnormal values and any unusual observation to medical doctor (MD) promptly dated 12/31/2024.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 3's temperature indicated the following:</p> <p>01/02/2025 1:52p.m. 97.7 F on the forehead</p> <p>01/02/2025 9:31a.m. 98.3 F on the forehead</p> <p>01/02/2025 3:27a.m. 97.6 F on the forehead</p> <p>01/01/2025 4:53p.m. 97.4 F on the forehead</p> <p>01/01/2025 9:42a.m. 97.2 F on the forehead</p> <p>12/31/2024 10:05a.m. 97.7 F on the forehead</p> <p>12/30/2024 6:40p.m. 97.7 F on the forehead</p> <p>12/30/2024 8:35a.m. 97.3 F on the forehead</p> <p>During a concurrent interview and record review on 1/8/2025 at 1:23p.m. with DON, DON stated Resident 3 also had the same CP to monitor the vital signs and oxygen every four hours. DON acknowledged the interventions were not implemented.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0755</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide pharmaceutical services to meet the needs of each resident and employ or obtain the services of a licensed pharmacist.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 46415</p> <p>Based on interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure Tamiflu (Oseltamivir Phosphate: prevents and treats infections caused by the flu virus) medications was administered to meet the needs for two of seven sampled residents (Resident 5 and Resident 4).</p> <p>This deficient practice had the potential to result in a delay in administration of necessary medication for the residents.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>a. During a review of Resident 5's Admission Record (Face Sheet), the Face Sheet indicated Resident 5 was originally admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including respiratory syncytial virus (a virus that causes infections of the respiratory tract), acute lower respiratory infection (a sudden infection that affects the lower airways of the lungs), and hypertension (high blood pressure).</p> <p>During a review of Resident 5's Minimum Data Set (MDS- a resident assessment), dated 11/11/2024, the MDS indicated Resident 5's cognitive skills (the mental action or process of acquiring knowledge and understanding through thought, experience, and the senses) were mildly impaired. The MDS indicated Resident 5 required moderate assistance for dressing and personal hygiene, required supervision for toilet transfer, and bathing, and required set up for toilet and oral hygiene and eating. The MDS indicated Resident 5 utilized a wheelchair for mobility and had impairments on the lower extremities (arms and legs) bilaterally.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 5's Order Summary Report, the order summary report indicated Tamiflu (Oseltamivir Phosphate: prevents and treats infections caused by the flu virus) Oral Capsule 75 milligram(mg: a unit of measurement): Give 1 capsule by mouth two times a day for influenza (contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus) exposure and symptomatic (having the characteristics of a particular disease) for influenza for five (5) days was ordered on 12/27/2024 and discontinued on 12/28/2024.</p> <p>During a review of the Medical Administration Record (MAR: a document that indicates the medications taken by each individual) for December 2024, the MAR indicated Resident 5 started receiving Tamiflu Oral Capsule 75mg by mouth two times a day for influenza exposure and symptomatic for influenza for five (5) days on 12/30/2024. The MAR indicated on 12/28/2024, the medication is unavailable.</p> <p>During an interview on 1/6/2025 at 9:19a.m. with Resident 5, Resident 5 stated he had gotten the flu shot and had symptoms of fever and coughing.</p> <p>During a review of the Progress Notes, the progress notes indicated on 12/28/2024, per facility pharmacy, Tamiflu oral capsule 75mg will be delivered on Monday.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0755</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During a review of the Pharmaceuticals Shipping Manifest (pharmacy shipping order), the pharmaceutical shipping manifest indicated Resident 5 had received an order for Tamiflu 75mg on 12/30/2024. There were no shipments for Tamiflu prior to 12/30/2024 for Resident 5.</p> <p>During an interview on 1/7/2024 at 1:17p.m. with Licensed Vocational Nurse 2 (LVN 2), LVN 2 stated she was assigned for Resident 5 on 12/28/2024 and was not endorsed any information for Tamiflu. LVN 2 stated if the medication was available, it should be given as soon as possible within 4 hours. LVN 2 stated if the medication was not available and ordered, LVN should follow up and document to show the facility did something.</p> <p>During a concurrent interview and record review of the MAR on 1/7/2025 at 1:31p.m. with LVN 2, LVN 2 stated the December MAR for Resident 5 regarding Tamiflu indicated on 12/28/2024, a number 10 was documented and indicated it means that the medication was ordered but was not available and Tamiflu was started on 12/30/2024.</p> <p>During a concurrent interview and record review on 1/7/2025 at 1:36p.m. with LVN 2, LVN 2 stated on the progress note dated 12/28/2024 at 3:00p.m. indicated per facility pharmacy, Tamiflu will be delivered on Monday 12/30/2024. LVN 2 stated it would have made a difference if Tamiflu was started right away since it is effective when the symptoms are present and had spread to the facility by 12/30/2024, but it could have been minimized.</p> <p>b. During a review of Resident 4's Face Sheet, the Face Sheet indicated Resident 4 was originally admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including acute lower respiratory infection, Type II Diabetes Mellitus (DM: a disorder characterized by difficulty in blood sugar control and poor wound healing), and hypertension.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 4's MDS dated [DATE], the MDS indicated Resident 4's cognitive skills were intact. The MDS indicated Resident 4 is independent and required setup for oral hygiene, bathing, and personal hygiene. The MDS indicated Resident 4 does not have any impairments on both the upper (arms/shoulders) and lower extremities.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 4's Order Summary Report, the order summary report indicated Tamiflu Oral Capsule 75 milligram: Give 1 capsule by mouth two times a day for influenza exposure and symptomatic for influenza for 5 days was ordered on 12/27/2024 and discontinued on 12/28/2024.</p> <p>During a review of the MAR for December 2024, the MAR indicated Resident 4 started receiving Tamiflu Oral Capsule 75mg by mouth two times a day for influenza exposure and symptomatic for influenza for 5 days on 12/30/2024. The MAR indicated on 12/28/2024, the medication is unavailable.</p> <p>During a review of the Progress Notes, the progress notes indicated on 12/28/2024, per facility pharmacy, Tamiflu oral capsule 75mg will be delivered on Monday.</p> <p>During an interview on 1/6/2025 at 8:59a.m. with Resident 4, Resident 4 stated she had gotten the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19: a virus that is highly contagious that causes respiratory illness) and flu (common but sometimes deadly viral infection of the nose, throat, and lungs) shot together three weeks ago. Resident 4 stated she usually go out and walk and was around other residents coughing outside and in the dining room.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0755</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During an interview on 1/6/2025 at 1:46p.m. with Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON), ADON stated on 12/27/2024, the hospital called the facility stating one of the residents that was sent to the hospital had tested positive for the Influenza. ADON stated the doctor came in around 3:30p.m. on 12/27/2024 and prescribed all of the residents Tamiflu since there was one confirmed case. ADON stated residents who were positive or symptomatic would receive Tamiflu twice a day for five days and residents who were exposed/tested negative/asymptomatic (no symptoms) would receive Tamiflu once a day for 10 days as a prophylaxis. ADON stated the pharmacy ran out of Tamiflu on 12/27/2024 and there were some residents who received Tamiflu on 12/27/2024, but most of the residents did not start Tamiflu until 12/30/2024 and 12/31/2024. ADON stated pharmacy was not able to provide additional Tamiflu until 12/30/2024. ADON stated if Tamiflu was not available on 12/28/2024,</p> <p>During an interview on 1/6/2024 at 4:48p.m. with DON, DON stated Resident 4 had an order for Tamiflu to be given on 12/27/2024 but was given on 12/30/2024 due to medication shortage. DON stated Tamiflu should have been received and given as soon as possible as the residents would have felt better. DON stated if treatment is delayed, there would have been more positive cases for the flu.</p> <p>During an interview on 1/7/2025 at 9:49a.m. with Pharmacist 2 (PharmD 2), PharmD 2 stated they did not receive any orders or requests for Tamiflu from the facility on 12/27/2024. PharmD 2 stated if a medication is needed, they will try to call other pharmacies to see if they have the medication, and worse comes to worse, will provide an alternative. PharmD 2 stated if on 12/27/2024 the facility needed 16 boxes of Tamiflu, they would have shipped out whatever they had in stock, and if more medication is needed, they would expedite the order. PharmD 2 stated they do not receive orders on the weekends but will call different pharmacies if the facility needed the medication to fill the orders and do receive stat orders on the weekends.</p> <p>During an interview on 1/7/2025 at 4:50p.m. with ADON, ADON stated Resident 5 and Resident 4 had an order for Tamiflu on 12/27/2024 but was cancelled on 12/28/2024 since the medication was not received. ADON stated the residents would have been monitored for signs and symptoms while they did not have the medication. ADON stated the facility does not keep Tamiflu in stock and would have to receive an order first and then would be ordered to the pharmacy.</p> <p>During a review of the facility's policy and procedure (P&P), titled Medication Orders, dated 12/3/2024, the P&P indicated if a licensed nurse has questions about an order the licensed nurse shall contact the prescribing provider.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0755</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During a review of the facility's policy and procedure (P&P), titled Influenza Disease Surveillance and Outbreak Management, undated, the P&P indicated even if it's not influenza season, influenza testing should occur when any resident has signs and symptoms that could be due to influenza, and especially when two residents or more develop respiratory illness within 72 hours of each other. Antivirals should be started as soon as possible for persons with suspected or confirmed influenza who are at higher risk for influenza complications on the basis of their age or underlying medical conditions; Clinical judgment should be an important component of client treatment decisions. Maximum benefit occurs when started within 48 hours of symptom onset. Do not hold antivirals if symptoms began more than 48 hours prior and person meets criteria for antiviral treatment. Antiviral treatment works best when started within the first 2 days of symptoms. However, these medications can still help when given after 48 hours to those that are very sick, such as those who are hospitalized , or those who have progressive illness. All long-term care facility persons served who have confirmed or suspected influenza should receive antiviral treatment immediately. Treatment should not wait for laboratory confirmation of influenza.</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 46415</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to enforce its own policy related to Influenza (contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus) outbreak by not retesting contaminated samples collected on 12/27/2024 and reordering test kits on a timely manner for two out of 12 residents (Resident 5 and Resident 4) that were symptomatic.</p> <p>These deficient practices had placed all residents, staff, vendors, visitors, and the surrounding community at risk for spread of the influenza virus.</p> <p>Finding:</p> <p>a. During a review of Resident 5's Admission Record (Face Sheet), the Face Sheet indicated Resident 5 was originally admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including respiratory syncytial virus (a virus that causes infections of the respiratory tract), acute lower respiratory infection (a sudden infection that affects the lower airways of the lungs), and hypertension (high blood pressure).</p> <p>During a review of Resident 5's Minimum Data Set [(MDS) a standardized assessment and care screening tool], dated 11/11/2024, the MDS indicated Resident 5's cognitive skills (the mental action or process of acquiring knowledge and understanding through thought, experience, and the senses) were mildly impaired. The MDS indicated Resident 5 required moderate assistance for dressing and personal hygiene, required supervision for toilet transfer, and bathing, and required set up for toilet and oral hygiene and eating.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 5's Lab Results Report, the lab results report indicated the specimen (sample of blood or body tissue taken for medical testing) collected to check whether Resident 5 had the influenza or not was collected on 12/27/2024 at 7:00p.m., reported on 12/27/2024 at 9:27p.m., and was received on 12/28/2024 at 12:27a.m. The status of the lab report result was invalid due to the specimen being contaminated.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 5's Lab Results Report, the lab results report indicated the specimen collected to check whether Resident 5 had the influenza or not was collected on 12/30/2024 at 8:00a.m., reported on 12/30/2024 at 4:28p.m., and was received on 12/30/2024 at 1:01p.m. The lab report indicated Resident 5 had tested positive for Influenza A (most common type of flu virus that causes symptoms like fever, cough, and fatigue).</p> <p>During a review of the line list (document that contains key information about each case in an outbreak) dated 12/30/2024, the line list indicated out of the 29 residents that were swabbed, 16 residents tested positive for the flu (another way to say influenza). Resident 5 was tested on [DATE] and is one of the 16 residents that tested positive. Five staff members had signs and symptoms of the flu (cough, body aches) but were not confirmed with the flu.</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 - Some</p>	<p>During an interview on 1/6/2025 at 9:23a.m. with Infection Preventionist Nurse (IPN), IPN stated when a resident has a flu like symptom, they will test the resident if they have the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19: a virus that is highly contagious that causes respiratory illness) first, and if the result for Covid-19 comes back negative, they will do a flu test. IPN stated the 29 residents listed on the line list were tested on [DATE] and lab had collected the samples. IPN stated the residents that were tested on [DATE] had to be retested . IPN stated residents who were symptomatic were tested first on 12/27/2024 and residents that were exposed to symptomatic residents were tested and contacted Public Health (PH: department that focuses on disease prevention) on 12/30/2024. IPN stated when the residents tested positive for the flu, the doctor was notified, family was called, and the resident would be monitored for 72 hours. IPN stated Tamiflu (Oseltamivir Phosphate: prevents and treats infections caused by the flu virus) were given to residents who had symptoms and tested positive to treat the flu and to residents that were exposed to these symptomatic residents prophylactically. IPN stated on 1/3/2025, 25 residents were tested and as of 1/6/2025, there were no new cases. IPN stated the purpose of a line list is to document the residents who have symptoms and keep track of the outbreak. IPN stated without a line list, the information may not be accurate and will not be able to keep track of all the residents.</p> <p>During an interview on 1/6/2025 at 1:46p.m. with Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON), ADON stated if a resident has any signs and symptoms (s/s: shortness of breath, coughing, congestion, fever), they will do a covid-19 rapid test, but if the resident has multiple s/s, they will do a respiratory panel. ADON stated when a resident was confirmed with the influenza on 12/27/2024, the doctor came and assessed the residents at the facility and decided to have all of the residents tested , including the residents that were exposed. ADON stated on 12/27/2024, 14 samples of symptomatic and exposed residents were collected, however they were contaminated, and the residents were retested on [DATE]. ADON stated on 12/30/2024, more residents were showing s/s, so more residents were tested . ADON stated the facility started wearing N95's (disposable filtering facepiece respirator that filters at least 95% of airborne particles (tiny solid or liquid substance in the air) on 12/26/2024 due to an increase in flu in the community. ADON stated lab is open from Monday to Friday, and if they require stat (right now) labs, they will call lab. ADON stated since they did not have enough test kits, they could have called lab on 12/28/2024. ADON stated lab is the one that provides the test kits as they are not readily available in the facility. ADON stated the test kits were ordered on 12/27/2024, tested the residents, but the samples were contaminated and had to retest the residents that were initially tested on [DATE] on 12/30/2024 and identified additional residents that were symptomatic or that were exposed. ADON stated she is not sure why they did not retest the residents on 12/27/2024 or 12/28/2024. ADON stated they can call lab and do stat order to get the test kits on the same day and could have retested them on 12/28/2024. ADON stated testing the residents is important to know right away what is going on and whether the resident has an infection or virus so the appropriate treatment can be provided.</p> <p>During an interview on 1/6/2025 at 4:07p.m. with UCI Lab 1 (UCIL 1), UCIL 1 stated if the facility called on 12/28/2024 and ordered the test kits as a stat order, they would have been able to deliver the kits on the weekend. UCIL 1 stated on 12/27/2024, the facility requested 70 test kits, but sent 50 test kits as it was a lot, however if more test kits were required, they would have sent more. UCIL 1 stated orders are usually from Monday to Friday with the exception of emergencies and have a grace period of two to three days. UCIL 1 stated they did not have any shortages for the respiratory panel test kits. UCIL 1 stated they received another order on 12/30/2024 for another 50 test kits, however they were unable to deliver the kits between 12/31/2024 to 1/1/2025 and dropped off the test kits on 1/2/2025 at 4:42p.m.</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 - Some</p>	<p>During an interview on 1/6/2025 at 5:02p.m. with Director of Nursing (DON), DON stated they ordered the test kits for the symptomatic residents on 12/27/2024, however they were contaminated and had to reorder more test kits DON stated they are not sure why they did not reorder the test kits on the same day and does not remember what happened DON stated they never had to request supplies over the weekend, but it was a stat order, they would have ordered it. DON stated they do not keep the test kits in stock at the facility, and if the residents were retested on [DATE], it would not have made a difference when the residents were tested [DATE] or 12/30/2024 as the residents would have been given Tamiflu.</p> <p>During an interview on 1/7/2025 at 1:17p.m. with Licensed Vocational Nurse 2 (LVN 2), LVN 2 stated she would normally swab the residents for Covid, but the Registered Nurse Supervisor (RNS) would swab the residents for the flu, but the licensed nurses can also swab the residents for the flu if needed. LVN 2 stated they could have retested the residents on 12/28/2024 but it was not done.</p> <p>During an interview on 1/7/2025 at 4:29p.m. with Registered Nurse Supervisor 2 (RNS 2), RNS 2 stated the residents were supposed to be tested during the day on 12/27/2024, but the test kits did not arrive. RNS 2 stated he does not remember how many test kits were received, but the samples collected were labeled and timed and was endorsed to the following shift of the situation. RNS 2 stated if labs were contaminated, they would retest the residents and call lab to bring more test kits so it can be done right away. RNS 2 stated if samples were collected and contaminated, recollect and send it out as soon as possible since it can spread to other residents and can expose family members as well.</p> <p>During a review of the facility's policy and procedure (P&P), titled Influenza Disease Surveillance and Outbreak Management, undated, the P&P indicated while unusual, an influenza outbreak can occur outside of the normal influenza season; therefore, testing for influenza viruses and other respiratory pathogens should also be performed during non-influenza season periods. Even if it's not influenza season, influenza testing should occur when any resident has signs and symptoms that could be due to influenza, and especially when two residents or more develop respiratory illness within 72 hours of each other. Influenza testing may be used to inform decisions on use of antiviral treatment, antibiotic treatment, need for further diagnostic tests, and other considerations. Test for influenza under the following circumstances: a. Ill persons who are in the affected unit as well as previously unaffected units in the facility b. Persons who develop acute respiratory illness symptoms more than 72 hours after beginning antiviral chemoprophylaxis. Ensure that the laboratory performing the tests notifies the facility of tests results promptly.</p>		