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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, record review and interviews, the facility failed to ensure one (#12) out of four sample residents were free from significant medication errors.</p> <p>Resident #12, who was admitted to the facility on [DATE], had a mechanical heart valve and was at a high risk for deep vein thrombosis (DVT). The resident had a physician's order to receive warfarin (a bloodthinning medication) to assist with preventing blood clots. Additionally, the resident had a physician's order to periodically monitor the resident's PT/INR (prothrombin time test/international normalized ratio - a blood test that measures how long it takes the blood to clot). The resident's physician adjusted the resident's warfarin dose based upon the results of the PT/INR blood test. According to the pharmacist ([NAME]), Resident #12's therapeutic level of warfarin (PT/INR goal range) was 2.5 seconds to 3.5 seconds (see [NAME] interview below).</p> <p>On 2/17/25 a physician's order was obtained to hold Resident #12's warfarin medication on 2/18/25 and 2/19/25 due to a PT/INR level of 4.84 seconds, which meant the resident's blood clotting time was too high. The facility was to recheck the PT/INR and give a one-time dose of warfarin 4 milligrams (mg) on 2/20/25. The resident's PT/INR was rechecked on 2/20/25 and was 3.12 seconds. The facility's nurse received a verbal physician's order to restart Resident #12's warfarin at 3.5 mg and recheck the PT/INR the following Wednesday (2/26/25).</p> <p>However, the facility failed to ensure the 2/21/25 physician's order for warfarin was transcribed into the electronic medication record (EMR) and onto Resident #12's February 2025 medication administration record (MAR), which resulted in a failure to provide anticoagulant medication for seven days and led to a significant reduction in Resident #12's PT/INR level to 0.97 seconds (indicating the resident's blood clotting time was too low, potentially increasing the risk for the resident to develop blood clots).</p> <p>The facility's failure to administer Resident #12's anticoagulant therapy for seven days led to a non-therapeutic PT/INR level and placed Resident #12 at greater risk for a blood clot. Resident #12 developed a blood clot in his right leg and later required an above the knee (AKA) amputation.</p> <p>The facility's failure to ensure staff accurately transcribed Resident #12's physician's order for warfarin resulted in a situation of serious harm.</p> <p>Findings include:</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 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Record review and interviews confirmed the facility corrected the deficient practice prior to the onsite investigation on 4/2/25 to 4/7/25, resulting in the deficiency being cited as past noncompliance with a correction date of 3/21/25.</p> <p>I. Situation of serious harm</p> <p>The facility failed to ensure Resident #12's 2/21/25 physician's order for warfarin was transcribed into the resident's EMR and onto the resident's February 2025 MAR, which resulted in a failure to provide anticoagulant medication for seven days and led to a significant reduction in Resident #12's PT/INR level.</p> <p>The facility's failure to administer Resident #12's anticoagulant therapy for seven days led to a non-therapeutic PT/INR level and placed Resident #12 at greater risk for a blood clot. Resident #12 developed a blood clot in his right leg and later required an above the knee (AKA) amputation.</p> <p>The failure to ensure staff accurately transcribed Resident #12's physician's order for warfarin resulted in a situation of serious harm.</p> <p>II. Facility's plan of correction</p> <p>The corrective action plan implemented by the facility in response to Resident #12's serious medication error on 2/21/25 was provided by nursing home administrator (NHA) #1 on 4/4/25 at 10:33 a.m.</p> <p>The stated purpose of the plan was to address the significant medication error and prevent any additional residents from suffering an adverse outcome.</p> <p>The plan revealed the following:</p> <p>Identification of others - the facility took the following actions to prevent an adverse outcome from reoccurring. All applicable facility policies and procedures were reviewed/revised by the director of nursing (DON) or designee (completion date 3/21/25).</p> <p>Systemic changes - the DON or designee re-educated licensed nurses on facility policies regarding medication transcription as well as transcribing physician's orders and notifying the physician. All nurses were educated prior to working their next shift. The DON completed corrective action and one-to-one education with a licensed nurse who was identified as being deficient in their practice resulting in this citation. A complete medication review will be completed on all residents who are prescribed warfarin.</p> <p>Monitoring - the DON or designee will complete weekly chart audits on all residents receiving warfarin medication to ensure the orders were transcribed properly, the medication was given as ordered/parameters followed, the physician was notified when there was a medication transcription error and the physician contact is properly documented. The audits will continue until compliance can be maintained three days (audits) per week for three consecutive months.</p> <p>The administrator implemented a QAPI/PIP (quality assurance and performance improvement/performance improvement project) as a means to gather and process information from the audits. Findings will be reported at the monthly quality assurance meeting for a minimum of three months.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 065212	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/07/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Westlake Health and Rehabilitation Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1637 29th Ave PI Greeley, CO 80634	
For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.			
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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>DON #1 was interviewed again on 4/7/25 at 12:15 p.m. DON #1 said she did not know why there was not a physician's order for resumption of Resident #12's warfarin or why the medication was not given until 16 hours after</p> <p>LPN #2 discovered the missed doses. DON #1 said staff should have recognized prior to 2/27/25 that Resident #12 had not received warfarin doses. DON #1 said nurse staff education did not begin until 3/13/25, the day after Resident #12 was sent to the hospital with a blood clot. She said staff education (in addition to education for RN #1) should have begun when the medication error was initially discovered on 2/27/25, as staff did not recognize the missed warfarin doses for seven days.</p> <p>The pharmacist ([NAME]) was interviewed on 4/7/25 at 2:10 p.m. The [NAME] said Resident #12's INR should be between 2.5 to 3.5 for his condition. The [NAME] said the missed warfarin doses contributed to his decreased INR, which increased the chance of clotting, and any clots could increase the risk for amputation. The [NAME] said the anticoagulant policy would show the strategy to increase the INR to a therapeutic level. The [NAME] said if doses were missed, he would give a warfarin dose immediately and possibly a bolus dose (a one-time larger dose). The [NAME] said after missed doses of warfarin, the goal was to return the resident to a therapeutic INR range as quickly as possible. The [NAME] said in Resident #12's case, he would have suggested a bolus dose, possibly 10 mg. The [NAME] said this type of bolus dose was not used for Resident #12. The [NAME] said Resident #12's INR was currently back within a therapeutic range.</p>		