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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> 40467</p> <p>Based on observations, record review and interviews, the facility failed to ensure one (#1) of three residents out of three sample residents received treatment and care for optimal skin condition of a pressure wound, in accordance with professional standards.</p> <p>Specifically, the facility failed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Develop and implement a care plan for Resident #1's pressure ulcers; and,</li> <li>-Ensure interventions were implemented timely to prevent the development and worsening of a pressure injury for Resident #1.</li> </ul> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>I. Professional reference</p> <p>According to the All [NAME] Tissue Viability Nurse Forum, Best Practice Statement on the Prevention and Management of Moisture Lesions, September 2023, retrieved online 4/4/25 from:chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.wwic.[NAME]/uploads/files/documents/Professionals/Clinical%20Partners/AWTVNF/All_Wales-Moisture_Lesions_final_final.pdf</p> <p>Individuals with incontinence may also have problems with mobility and, as a result, be at risk of developing pressure ulcers as well as moisture lesions. Consequently, when inspecting an individual's skin, it may be difficult to tell if the damage to the skin is caused by moisture alone or moisture in combination with pressure. If the skin is subjected to moisture and pressure, then the treatment strategy will have to overcome both of these insults to the skin. Therefore, along with guidance on how to prevent and manage moisture on the skin, pressure relief will be an important part of care for the individual. Repositioning together with the use of pressure-relieving equipment are the main methods of preventing pressure damage caused by extended periods of localized pressure on the skin. The use of repositioning should be considered in all at-risk individuals as a prevention strategy and should be undertaken to reduce the duration and magnitude of pressure over vulnerable areas of the body. The repositioning schedule should take into account the daily activities of the individual, their ability to tolerate pressure when in the seated and lying positions and the support surfaces in use. If a moisture lesion does not respond to interventions to minimize the effects of moisture alone, then the clinician should consider whether pressure is contributing to the damage and introduce repositioning and pressure relief into the individual's care.</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>The director of nursing (DON) and the nursing home administrator (NHA) were interviewed on 4/15/25 at 4:29 p.m. The DON said the facility inspected the resident's skin weekly, applied lotion to the skin after bathing and changing the resident, encouraged food and fluid intake, encouraged them to spend time out of bed and had the RD assess the resident's nutritional needs for pressure injury prevention. The DON said the facility provided specialty cushions depending on the needs of the resident and air mattresses if the resident was at high risk for pressure injuries and or had current pressure injuries. She said the air mattresses were low air low mattresses that helped alternate pressure for residents that were not able or unable to reposition on their own. She said the staff repositioned the residents at least every two hours and that should be included on the resident's care plan.</p> <p>The DON said Resident #1 was identified a risk for pressure injuries and developed pressure injuries while admitted to the facility. Resident #1 was not placed on an alternating pressure air mattress when his risk for pressure injuries was identified because his discharge plan was to receive therapy and return to the community. She said the alternating pressure air mattress was usually reserved for long term residents with an actual pressure injury. The NHA said all residents were provided a pressure redistribution mattress.</p> <p>The DON said the facility did not have a wound care certified nurse. She said she was not sure if Resident #1 was seen by his physician after the resident was identified to have an open area to his sacrum on 11/28/24. She said the resident was seen by a wound care physician on 12/19/24. The DON said she reviewed the resident's EMR and said the physician was notified of the open area on 11/28/24 but she could not find documentation to show the resident's physician saw the wound or was updated on the status of the wound between 11/29/24 and 12/17/24.</p> <p>The nursing home administrator (NHA) and the DON were interviewed together on 4/16/25 at 11:00 a.m. The DON said the nurses were responsible for nursing care provided but she was responsible for the overall wound care of the facility residents. The DON said Resident #1's pressure injuries were facility acquired. The DON said the resident was provided the alternating pressure air mattress in December 2024 because he had an open area, he refused to get out of bed or reposition and had bony prominences.</p> <p>-However, review of the progress notes and care plan did not identify the resident refused to be repositioned. The review of the progress notes only documented the resident refused to get out of bed on 11/11/24 when his representative asked why was not out of bed and on 11/16/24 when he did not want to get out of bed to take a phone call at the nursing station.</p> <p>The DON said she did not know why the nurse on 10/28/24 requested a treatment order for Resident #'s coccyx on 10/28/24. The DON said she was not informed of a concern to his coccyx and an assessment was not completed to identify the resident would need treatment orders.</p> <p>The DON said she did not know why a nurse told the resident's representative on 11/10/24 that Resident #1 had a wound to his coccyx and he would be included in wound rounds. The DON said she thought there may have been some miscommunication to the nurse and the resident was not scheduled to be seen in wound rounds. She said wound rounds would be documented in the resident's medical record.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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