

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  075390	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  01/05/2026
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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> Based on observation, review of the clinical record, facility documentation, facility policy and interviews for 1 of 1 resident reviewed for positioning/mobility, the facility failed to follow physician orders regarding skin protection (Resident #14) and for 1 of 5 residents, (Resident #125) reviewed for dining, the facility failed to ensure meal supervision and feeding by staff was provided in accordance with physician order and the plan of care, resulting in a choking incident. The findings include:</p> <p>1. Resident #14's diagnosis included hemiplegia and hemiparesis following a cerebral infarction affecting left side, dysphagia, and diabetes.</p> <p>The quarterly Minimum Data Set (MD) dated 11/21/25 identified Resident #14 was cognitively intact and was dependent on staff for eating, showering, toileting, dressing, and transfers: The MDS further identified Resident #14 was at risk for developing a pressure ulcer requiring a pressure reducing device for the bed and chair.</p> <p>A physician's order dated 12/2/25 directed to apply a bed cradle to bottom of the bed at all times.</p> <p>A physician's order dated 12/2/25 directed to place offloading boots to bilateral feet at all times and to check skin integrity every shift.</p> <p>The Resident Care Plan (RCP) dated 12/2/25 identified Resident #14 had the potential for skin breakdown.? Interventions included placing a bed cradle when the resident was in bed, offload heels with bilateral heel boots at all times and checking skin integrity every shift.</p> <p>Observation on 12/30/25 at 10:21 AM identified Resident #14 was in bed with one heel protector on the left leg, there was not a bed cradle in place, his/her bilateral lower extremities were elevated on a pillow while in bed, and the sheets were on top of the resident's toes.</p> <p>Observation on 12/30/25 at 2:45 PM identified Resident #14 was in bed with no bed cradle in place on the bed. The bed cradle was noted to be on the floor of the room by the dresser, only one heel protector was in place to Resident #14's left leg and the sheets were hitting the resident's toes.</p> <p>Observation on 12/31/25 at 9:12 AM identified Resident #14 was in bed, the bed cradle was not in place, the bed cradle was noted to be on the floor of the room by the dresser, the right heel protector was not in place, and the bed sheets were hitting the resident's toes.</p> <p>Interview with Nurse Aid (NA) #5 on 12/31/25 at 2:30 PM identified Resident #14 was to wear 1 heel</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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