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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 145616	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/11/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Mason City Area Nursing Home		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 520 North Price Avenue Mason City, IL 62664	
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F 0689 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Many	<p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 49187</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review the facility failed to implement individualized care planned interventions to prevent a resident (R1) from sustaining multiple burns, failed to identify a hot water/coffee dispenser used in the main room as a potential burn hazard, and failed to establish protocols and provide adequate monitoring to ensure hot water within a water/coffee dispenser located in the main dining room were kept below temperature levels to prevent burns. These failures resulted in R1, a resident with the diagnoses of Spastic Cerebral Palsy, Scoliosis, Dysphagia, and Muscle Spasms, spilling hot coffee on her left posterior thigh on two separate occasions on 11/14/24 and 1/25/25, sustaining a second degree burn on her left posterior thigh on both occasions, and having the failure to affect all 59 residents who receive coffee/hot water out of the dispenser located within the main dining room.</p> <p>These failures resulted in an Immediate Jeopardy that started on 11/14/24 when the facility failed to identify a hot water/coffee dispenser used in the main room as a potential burn hazard, and failed to establish protocols and provide adequate monitoring to ensure hot water within a water/coffee dispenser located in the main dining room were kept below temperature levels to prevent burns, resulting in R1 spilling hot coffee on herself and sustaining a second degree burn to her left posterior thigh.</p> <p>While the immediacy was removed on 3/10/25, the facility remains out of compliance at a severity Level II as additional time is needed to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of their removal plan and Quality Assurance monitoring.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>The facility's Midnight Census Report, dated 3/7/25, documents 59 residents currently reside within the facility.</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 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>The facility's Hot Liquids policy, dated 3/7/25, documents Policy: It is the policy of this facility to maintain protocols to assist in preventing injuries related to hot liquid and develop and individualized plan of care to address resident risk. Procedure: 1. A Hot Beverage Use Assessment will be performed upon admission, quarterly and with a significant change in condition. 2. Residents with a yes response in section number one of the Hot Beverage Use Assessment will be referred to Occupational Therapy for a thorough assessment of physical abilities and recommended safety interventions. 4. Residents identified through the assessment process as a risk for injury related to exposure to hot liquids shall not be left unsupervised during meal service.</p> <p>The American Burn Association Scald Statistics and Data Resources, dated 8/13/2018, documents Infants/toddlers and elderly adults have thinner dermal layers compared to persons of other ages, leading to deeper burn injuries of lower temperatures or shorter exposure times. Hot water will burn skin at temperatures much lower than boiling point. It only takes three seconds of exposure to 140 degrees Fahrenheit water to cause a burn serious enough to require surgery. 85 to 90% (percent) of scald burns are related to cooking/drinking/serving hot liquids.</p> <p>R1's Admission Record, dated 3/7/25, documents R1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with the following, but not limited to, diagnoses: Spastic Diplegic Cerebral Palsy, Visual Hallucinations, Spasmodic Torticollis, Anxiety Disorder, Other forms of Scoliosis, Thoracic Region, Unspecified Osteoarthritis, Muscle Wasting and Atrophy, Muscle Weakness, Need for Assistance with Personal Care, Muscle Spasm of Back, Dysphagia, Spondylosis without Myelopathy or Radiculopathy, and Thoracic Region.</p> <p>R1's MDS (Minimum Data Set) Assessment, dated 12/6/24, documents R1 is cognitively intact, requires supervision or touching assistance with eating, and is dependent on staff with all other ADLs (Activities of Daily Living). This same MDS documents R1 had a second or third-degree burn.</p> <p>R1's Contracture Risk Evaluation, dated 9/6/24 and signed by V4/MDS Coordinator, documents R1 currently has contractures, is confused at times, needs staff to turn and reposition, and is noted to have contracting throughout R1's body.</p> <p>R1's OT (Occupation Therapy) and Plan of Treatment, dated 3/19/24, documents (R1's) RUE (Right Upper Extremity) ROM (Range of Motion) = impaired (Right should flexion actively to 60 degrees passively, right shoulder abduction to 65 degrees actively and 80 degrees passively. Right elbow flexion 60 to 130 degrees actively, right wrist 25 to 30 degrees flexion/extension). LUE (Left upper extremity) ROM= impaired. (Left should flexion actively to 60 degrees and passively to 85 degrees, left elbow flexion 35 to 100 degrees actively, left wrist assisted active ROM contracted hand which has elicited superficial palm indentation). Joints: Shoulder=impaired, Elbow/Forearm=impaired; Wrist=Impaired; Shoulder = impaired; Elbow/Forearm=Impaired; Wrist=impaired.</p> <p>R1's Progress Note, dated 11/14/24 and signed by V12/LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse), documents (R1) spilt coffee on left posterior thigh. Area red no blisters noted.</p> <p>R1's Progress Note, dated 11/14/24 and signed by V13/LPN, documents (R1) red area to left thigh now presents with blisters related to spilling coffee on self.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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