

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  145980	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  08/28/2024
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<p>F 0624</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Prepare residents for a safe transfer or discharge from the nursing home.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 33330</p> <p>Based on interview and record review the facility failed to provide a safe discharge for a resident with insulin-dependent diabetes and end-stage renal failure, requiring hemodialysis. This failure resulted in R1 being discharged from the facility and sent to a homeless shelter without the shelter's knowledge or ability to accept and care for the resident. Because of the resident's homelessness, R1 was transported to the local hospital, where he remained as of August 22, 2024, awaiting placement in another long-term care facility. These failures resulted in an immediate jeopardy. This applies to 1 of 3 residents (R1) reviewed for discharge in the sample of 3.</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>The immediate jeopardy began on August 14, 2024 when the facility involuntarily discharged R1 to a homeless shelter. V1 (Administrator) was notified of the Immediate Jeopardy on August 22, 2024 at 1:33 PM.</p> <p>The surveyor confirmed by observation, interview, and record review that the immediacy was removed on August 26, 2024, at 2:36 PM, but noncompliance remains at Level Two because additional time is needed to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the in-service training.</p> <p>On August 18, 2024 at 6:42 PM, R1 said, On August 14, I was called to the front of the building, and they said they had to talk to me. I went up to the front and the police were up front, waiting for me. They handed me discharge papers. They said something about involuntary discharge for being a danger to myself and others. They said I was drunk, which was nonsense. I have a doctor's order for alcohol. They said there was a ride waiting for me, and I had to get my stuff together. This was the first time I'd heard they were going to discharge me. There was a van out in front, and they didn't tell me where I was going. I thought I was going to another nursing home. We started driving, for what seemed like a long time, and I asked the driver where we were going, and he said Joliet. I had a couple of boxes with me that were each measured probably 2 feet by 3 feet, and my wheelchair. We pulled up, and I couldn't get out of the van without help. Someone came out of the building and said this is a homeless shelter and they weren't expecting me. One of the shelter's administrators called the facility where I had just come from, and the shelter's administrator was told administration made this decision. So, I didn't know what else to do. The shelter couldn't accept me, and I had nowhere else to go. I called 911 to get help from the police. I ended up agreeing to go to the hospital because there was nowhere else for me to go. I've been at the hospital ever since and receiving my dialysis here in the hospital.</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 0624</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The EMR (Electronic Medical Record) shows R1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. The EMR continues to show R1 was involuntary discharged from the facility on August 14, 2024. R1 had multiple diagnoses including, diabetes, end-stage renal disease, acute pulmonary edema, heart failure, acute respiratory failure, anxiety disorder, anemia, alcohol abuse, and glaucoma.</p> <p>Hospital records provided to the facility prior to R1's admission to the facility dated November 4, 2022 show R1 had anxiety, uncontrolled diabetes, alcohol abuse, cigarette smoking, acute psychiatric concerns, aggressive behavior, paranoid delusions, suicidal and homicidal remarks in the ER (emergency room ). He threatened to shoot up the shelters and shoot himself because he was tired of his illness. He was belligerent with the healthcare team and had to be placed in restraints.</p> <p>R1's MDS (Minimum Data Set) dated June 12, 2024 shows R1 was cognitively intact, used a walker or wheelchair for mobility, and was able to perform all ADLs (Activities of Daily Living) independently. R1 was always continent of bowel and bladder. The MDS continues to show R1 participated in the MDS assessment and goal setting, did not have active discharge planning occurring to return to the community, and did not want to talk to someone about the possibility of leaving the facility and returning to live and receive services in the community.</p> <p>Facility documentation shows R1 started on hemodialysis in January 2024. R1 received hemodialysis outside of the facility three times a week.</p> <p>Facility documentation shows the following order for R1 dated June 20, 2024 and discontinued on August 14, 2024 (R1's date of discharge): May have alcohol.</p> <p>The facility's Notice of Involuntary Transfer or Discharge and Opportunity for Hearing dated August 14, 2024 shows R1 was discharged to a homeless shelter over 35 miles away from the facility on August 14, 2024, due to the health of individuals in the facility would otherwise be endangered as documented by a physician in your clinical record. The IVD (Involuntary Discharge) notice continues to show, As discussed with [R1] on August 14, 2024, and as documented in your clinical record pursuant to Section 3-408 of the state law, the reason for the proposed transfer or discharge is: the physical safety of other residents, the facility's staff or visitors . The effective date of the proposed transfer or discharge is August 14, 2024. The IVD notice was signed by V1 (Administrator) on August 14, 2024.</p> <p>On August 14, 2024 at 2:45 PM, V1 (Administrator) documented, Involuntary Discharge was explained and issued with witnesses. Resident verbally agreed to pack his own belongings and donate whatever he leaves. Medications and prescriptions given to resident. Explained that his personal vehicle would need to be removed by the end of day 3 which is 8/17/24. Resident verbalized understanding and placed some of his belongings in his personal vehicle. Entire incident witnessed by two [local] police officers, SSD (Social Service Director), DON (Director of Nursing, Regional SS (Social Service) and Maintenance Director. Resident picked up by [ride company] at 2:50 PM and left facility.</p> <p>On August 14, 2024 at 5:03 PM, V3 (SSD) documented, [Local] Police department (near homeless shelter) contacted the facility and call was transferred to this writer. Police officer inquired, why was [R1] placed in a vehicle and sent to [homeless shelter]. This writer informed because he received an Involuntary Discharge from the facility, please request to see the document. Officer stated, thank you and disconnected the call.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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