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<p>F 0602</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Protect each resident from the wrongful use of the resident's belongings or money.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 32619</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to prevent the misappropriation of resident trust funds and private checking accounts from V3, former Business Office Manager for 50 of 50 residents (R1-R50) reviewed for theft in a sample of 52. This failure resulted in checks written for cash on R1 through R50's pooled resident trust account, totaling \$5515.19 and checks written from R1's individual checking account totaling \$10,650. These actions would cause a reasonable person to have feelings of sadness, worry, stress and anguish while residing in a home where monetary theft occurred.</p> <p>The Immediate Jeopardy began on 12/21/23 when V3 wrote a \$250 check for cash on R1's personal checking account, with no documentation as to what happened to the money. V11, Regional Director of Clinical Operations, was notified of the Immediate Jeopardy on 8/13/24 at 3:28pm. The surveyor confirmed by observation, interview, and record review that the Immediate Jeopardy was removed, and the deficient practice corrected, on 6/10/24, prior to the start of the survey and was therefore past noncompliance.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0602</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>On 8/8/24 at 2:50pm, V17 (Police Officer/Patrolman) stated he was called by the facility on 5/24/24 sometime in the morning by V1 to report that V3 was suspected of misappropriating resident funds. V17 stated he interviewed multiple staff members. V17 stated he did not interview R1 as she was asleep. V17 stated all staff were very forthcoming during interview. V17 stated V3 had not yet been interviewed as V3 is avoiding law enforcement. V17 stated the investigation at this time is still ongoing, and as such a Police Report cannot be released. V17 stated after V3 is interviewed, the investigation will be sent to the States Attorney where charges may be filed at the States Attorney's discretion.</p> <p>On 8/13/24 at 8:50am, V16 (Regional Director of Marketing and Development) stated V1 showed her a letter on 5/23/24 written by V6 stating V6 was told by V7 not to trust V3 with R3's trust account. V16 stated she advised V1 to immediately notify V11 and to start an investigation. V16 stated the following day, V16 asked V11 if V1 had contacted her about the letter, which she hadn't. V16 stated she informed V11 about the contents of the letter, and V11 started an immediate investigation. V16 stated she was present during an interview with V3 during the investigation in which V3 was unable to produce receipts for the missing money as outlined above. V16 stated when the investigation was initiated, V16 retrained all facility staff about reporting abuse and misappropriation and provided staff with a copy of the current Abuse Policy. V16 stated staff are to report any knowledge or suspicion of abuse, neglect, or financial misappropriation to the Administrator immediately.</p> <p>On 8/14/24 at 9:10am, V6 stated if R3 was cognitively intact and found out that staff may have stolen his money, His heart would be hurt, like mine was when I found out (V3) took other resident's money. He wouldn't be mad, he would be hurt.</p> <p>On 8/16/24 at 9:15am, R47 was alert and oriented to person, place, and time. R47 stated he has a resident trust account. R47 stated he was not aware of anybody misappropriating his resident trust money. R47 stated if this happened he would, Be agitated, he would not have access to cigarettes and he is addicted to nicotine.</p> <p>A Grievance Complaint Report dated 5/31/24 documented,(R2) reported clothing and DVDs (Digital Video Disc) she ordered have not been delivered. Resident reported these items should have been delivered 5/4/24-5/7/24. Resident reported she had assistance from (V3) when ordering these items. Method of correction: Replaced all her DVD's and clothes that she had ordered and purchased items for resident.</p> <p>Copies of checks written to cash provided with R1's bank statements were reviewed. The checks were signed by R1 and were written on the following dates with amounts as follows:</p> <p>12/21/23: \$250</p> <p>12/29/23: \$200</p> <p>1/3/24: \$1,800</p> <p>1/22/24: \$200</p> <p>2/2/24: \$1,500</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0602</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>2/14/24: \$300</p> <p>3/1/24: \$2,000</p> <p>3/13/24: \$250</p> <p>4/3/24: \$1,900</p> <p>4/17/24: \$250</p> <p>5/3/24: \$2,000</p> <p>Copies of checks to written to cash, written on the pooled resident trust account were written on the following dates and signed by V3 with amounts as follows:</p> <p>2/1/24: \$500</p> <p>3/14/24: \$500</p> <p>4/19/24: \$1000</p> <p>5/16/24: \$1000</p> <p>5/21/24: \$600</p> <p>The facility was unable to provide documentation as to what the cash was used for, such as receipts given to residents.</p> <p>R1's [NAME] Statement documented that between 2/29/24 through 6/1/24, nothing was applied to R1's room and board, and the outstanding balance as of 6/1/24 was \$9,857.</p> <p>A Checking Account Activity Report dated 8/15/24 documented that \$10,650 was deposited into R1's account on 6/6/24.</p> <p>A Resident Trust Checking Account Statement dated 6/27/24 documented that on 6/7/24, \$5,515.19 was deposited into that account.</p> <p>An IDPH Healthcare Worker Registry Background Check dated 5/31/24 documented, (V3): Work Eligibility: Ineligible: Disqualifying Criminal Offenses. Date: 10/22/07. No waivers on record.</p> <p>The facility policy titled Abuse Prevention Program dated 11/28/16 documents, This facility affirms the right of our residents to be free from abuse, neglect, misappropriation of resident property, and exploitation as defined below . This facility is committed to protecting our residents from abuse by anyone including; but not limited to, facility staff, other residents, consultants, volunteers, and staff from other agencies providing services to the individual, family members or legal guardians, friends, or any other individuals . Under the section titled Definitions it documents Misappropriation of resident property means the deliberate misplacement, exploitation, or wrongful, temporary, or permanent use of a resident's belongings or money without the resident's consent.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0602</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>The Immediate Jeopardy that began on 12/21/23 was removed prior to the survey date on 6/10/24 when the facility took the following actions to remove the immediacy and correct the deficient practice as confirmed through observation, interview, and record review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The resident trust cash box was reconciled and assured of accuracy on 5/30/24 by V4. 2. The resident trust account was balanced and the missing funds were deposited into the account on 6/5/24 by V4. 2. V3 was suspended on 5/24/24 and terminated on 6/10/24 by V1. 3. V3 was removed as an authorized user of the resident trust account on 5/31/24 by V4. 4. The former Administrator was inserviced on employee background checks on 5/31/24 by V11. 5. Facility staff were inserviced on the Abuse policy with a focus on misappropriation of resident property on 5/31/24 by V16. 6. 100% of employee background checks were audited on 5/31/24 by V1. 7. V11 will review abuse reports weekly for four weeks to ensure thorough investigations are being completed. 8. V5, Current Administrator/BOM, will review all employee new hires for complete background checks as indicated. 9. The results of the above audits will be discussed in the Quality Assurance meeting with any discrepancies/patterns/trends discussed by V5. The Committee will make recommendations as indicated.

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<p>F 0606</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Not hire anyone with a finding of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or theft.</p> <p>32619</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to perform a pre-employment background checks on the business office manager. This has the potential to affect all 46 residents living at the facility.</p> <p>This past noncompliance occurred from 4/22/21 to 6/10/24.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>An IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) Notification Form dated 5/24/24 at 9:40am documented, Staff reported an allegation of misappropriation of resident property. Staff member immediately suspending pending the results of investigation. POA (Power of Attorney), MD (Medical Doctor), and Police notified. Final (Report) to follow. A letter dated 6/10/24 addressed to IDPH stated, This letter will serve as a follow up and final report to the initial report submitted on 05/24/2024 regarding an allegation of misappropriation of resident property. The facility was unable to identify a specific resident involved at the time of the initial allegation. On 05/24/2024 at approximately 9:30 am, Housekeeper (V6) reported an allegation of misappropriation of resident property. The alleged perpetrator was Business Office Manager (BOM), (V3).</p> <p>A List of Resident Trust Accounts from 2/1/24 through 5/24/24 documented R1 through R50 having had resident trust accounts within that period of time.</p> <p>On 8/2/24 at 11:10am V11, Regional Director of Clinical Operations, stated she had assisted V1, Former Administrator, in the above referenced investigation. V11 stated when she went to pull V3's background check from her hire date of 4/22/21, there wasn't one on file. V11 stated she ran a background check on V3 on 5/31/24, and it came back with a 'disqualifying offense', but it did not show what the offense was. V11 stated all employee background checks were then audited with no other disqualifying offenses found. V11 stated V3 was suspended and walked out on 5/24/24 pending the results of the misappropriation investigation, and was subsequently terminated after it was determined she had misappropriated resident's funds.</p> <p>An IDPH Healthcare Worker Registry Background Check dated 5/31/24 documented, (V3): Work Eligibility: Ineligible. Disqualifying Criminal Offenses: Date: 10/22/07. No waivers on record.</p> <p>On 8/7/24 at 9:55am, V3 stated she was hired as Business Office Manager on 4/22/21. V3 stated she assumed the facility had done a background check on her at that time. V3 stated, Years ago, she had a forgery conviction for, writing bad checks in her husband's name.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0606</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>On 8/8/24 at 10:15am, V4, Corporate Business Office Manager, stated she first entered the facility on 5/31/24 to audit the accounts as part of the misappropriation investigation. V4 stated that audits of resident trust fund petty cash showed checks written and signed by V3 documented that at one point, the facility would have had about \$3000 in petty cash, whereas a facility of its size should only keep a few hundred dollars' worth of cash. V4 stated the resident trusts are commingled in one account with separate record keeping for each individual resident. V4 stated when a resident takes money out of petty cash, it is to be deducted from that resident's trust account amount. V4 stated V3 kept meticulous records which when audited, balanced correctly, up until November 2023, at which point V3 stopped balancing the accounts. V4 stated a total of fifty current and former residents had resident trust accounts for the period of 11/1/23 to 6/1/24, all of whom would be affected by misappropriation from the pooled account.</p> <p>On 8/8/24 at 1:45pm, V1 stated she was hired in 2023 and V3 was already employed at the facility. V1 stated she was not aware the previous Administrator had not completed a background check on V3.</p> <p>The facility's Abuse Prevention Program Policy dated 11/28/16 stated, The facility will not knowingly employ any staff convicted of any crimes listed in the Healthcare Worker Background Check Act (unless waived under the provision of the act), or with findings of abuse listed on the Illinois Healthcare Worker Registry.</p> <p>A Facility Matrix dated 8/1/24 documented a total of 46 residents living at the facility.</p> <p>Prior to the survey date, the facility took the following actions to correct the noncompliance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. V3 was suspended on 5/24/24 and terminated on 6/10/24 by V1. 2. The former Administrator was inserviced on employee background checks on 5/31/24 by V11. 3. Facility staff were inserviced on the Abuse policy with a focus on misappropriation of resident property on 5/31/24 by V16. 4. 100% of employee background checks were audited on 5/31/24 by V1. 5. V5, Current Administrator/BOM, will review all employee new hires for complete background checks as indicated. 6. The results of the above audits will be discussed in the Quality Assurance meeting with any discrepancies/patterns/trends discussed by V5. The Committee will make recommendations as indicated. 		

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<p>F 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Timely report suspected abuse, neglect, or theft and report the results of the investigation to proper authorities.</p> <p>32619</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, facility staff failed to immediately report to the Administrator an allegation of potential staff to resident misappropriation of funds. This has the potential to affect all 46 residents living at the facility.</p> <p>This past noncompliance occurred from 4/1/24 to 6/10/24.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>On 8/7/24 at 8:20am, V6 (Housekeeper) stated in April 2024, a couple weeks after the Easter egg hunt for kids in the community, V7 (Housekeeping Supervisor) told V6 that eggs with cash in them had been left in V3's (Former Business Office Manager) office, but when the kids opened them later, there was no cash in them. V7 stated she believed V3 had taken the cash. V7 told V6, I better keep an eye on (R3's) trust account. V6 stated she is R3's POA (Power of Attorney), and he is unable to read or write. V6 stated she did not inform V1 (Former Administrator) of this immediately because she didn't want to accuse V3 if it wasn't true. V6 stated later in May date unknown, V6 wrote out a letter to V1 outlining her concerns and took it to V1. V6 stated she believed this happened on a Thursday, and V6 stated V3 was here the remainder of that day at least until 1:30pm when V6 gets off. V6 stated she returned to work the following Tuesday and heard V3 had been walked out and an investigation started.</p> <p>An undated letter to V1, signed by V6, stated, (V7) said (V3) is always so poor and always broke, (R3)'s money should be monitored closely.</p> <p>On 8/7/24 at 9:05am, V10 (Transportation) stated she was hired on 2/1/24. V10 stated from the beginning of her employment, twice a month she would take R1 to R1's bank with a check written for cash, R1 would get the cash and V10 would take R1 to a liquor store to buy a carton of cigarettes. When they returned to the facility, she or R1 would give V3 the remainder of the money, which V3 had stated was being put toward R1's room and board. V10 stated V3 never gave R1 a receipt. V10 stated the checks were never written for the same amount, and the checks written on the first of the month would be written for anywhere from \$2000 to \$2500, with the checks written toward the middle of the month between \$300 to \$700. V10 stated she found this situation confusing and felt something was off about it. V10 stated she went to V1 about it on the morning of 5/23/24 and told her to look into this money thing with R1. V10 stated, I made myself clear that I thought something was not right about it. (V1) was rustling papers around on her desk and not listening to me. She said I don't deal with that, that's the business office take it up with (V3). V10 stated she then approached V16 (Corporate Regional Director of Marketing) and talked to her about it. V10 stated the next day, she was interviewed by V11 (Regional Director of Clinical Operations) who said an investigation had begun. V10 stated, I don't think (R1) really understands really what happened.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Benton Rehab & Hcc		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1409 North Main Street Benton, IL 62812	
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