

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 165165	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 10/01/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Northcrest Specialty Care		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 2001 Heath Street Waterloo, IA 50703	

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 20331</p> <p>Based on clinical record review, staff interview, and observation the facility failed to provide appropriate assessment and intervention for one of three residents reviewed (Resident #1). The facility reported a census of 79 residents.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>The admission MDS (Minimum Data Set) an assessment tool dated 2/26/2024 revealed Resident #1 had mild impaired cognitive abilities, required staff assistance to transfer from one surface to another, used a wheel chair for mobility, and had no identified skin concerns. The MDS revealed the resident had diagnoses including anemia, malnutrition, ESRD (End Stage Renal Disease), diabetes, heart failure and received dialysis.</p> <p>The quarterly MDS dated [DATE] revealed the resident had intact cognitive abilities, required staff assistance to transfer, and received ointment/medication application other than to feet.</p> <p>The Care Plan identified the resident had a skin integrity concern due to venous insufficiency dated 3/12/2024. It directed staff to monitor the resident to avoid scratching, keep fingernails short, provide good nutrition, administer treatments as ordered, and staff were to do weekly skin assessments and document width, length, type of tissue, and other notable change.</p> <p>The TAR (Treatment Administration Record) dated 2/22/2024 - 5/21/2024 instructed staff to complete a head to toe skin check on the 2 - 10 o'clock P.M. shift on Thursday even if a previous skin area has been noted. If a new skin concern is noted, complete a new Risk Management, skin evaluation and add or update the weekly non-pressure/pressure Good Nursing Order.</p> <p>The resident's May, 2024 MAR/TAR (Medication and Treatment Administration Records) revealed an order for Benadryl itch stopping external cream on 5/21/2024. The records revealed staff failed to administer the cream from 5/21/2024 through 5/29/2024.</p> <p>The Resident's April, 2024 Weekly Skin Evaluation revealed staff documented they performed a skin evaluation on April 4, April 11, and April 18. Staff failed to perform the skin evaluation on April 25.</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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