

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 165320	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/02/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Zearing Health Care, LLC		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 404 East Garfield St Zearing, IA 50278	

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<p>F 0658</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure services provided by the nursing facility meet professional standards of quality.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, clinical record review, staff interviews, and facility policy/procedure review, the facility failed to follow the 5 rights of medication administration and physician orders to prevent a medication error from occurring. On 5/3/25, during the morning medication pass, a Registered Nurse (RN) took Resident #2's oral medications and gave them to Resident #1. The facility reported a census of 34 residents.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>1. Resident #1's Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] reflected they could usually make themselves understood and understood others. The MDS identified a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 7, indicating severe cognitive impairment. The MDS listed Resident #1 as dependent in all activities of daily living (ADL). The MDS included diagnoses of non-Alzheimer's dementia and Huntington's disease.</p> <p>The Care Plan included Focuses of:</p> <p>a. Revised 2/26/20: Resident #1 has impaired cognitive function/dementia or impaired thought processes related to Huntington's Disease. The Interventions directed the following:</p> <p>i. Needs assistance with all decision making.</p> <p>ii. Administer medications as ordered.</p> <p>The Employee Counseling/Disciplinary Form dated 5/3/25 at 11:00 AM labeled Incident Description, documented on 5/3/25 approximately 11:00 AM, Staff A, Registered Nurse (RN), administered a noon dose of clonazepam (a medication to treat seizures and panic disorder) 2 milligrams (mg) and Hydroxyzine 25 mg (used to help manage anxiety and tension) intended for Resident #2 to Resident #1 in error. Staff A identified the error approximately 10 minutes later when they went to document the medication administration in the electronic Medication Administration Record (MAR) and noted Resident #2's photo did not match the individual who received the medication. Upon recognizing the error, Staff A, immediately followed protocol. She notified the administrative staff, on-call provider, and Resident #1's family. She did a full assessment of Resident #1 and found no adverse reactions at the time. Staff A contacted the pharmacy to replace the administered medications. Staff A documented the incident per facility protocol, and submitted a medication error report.</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 0658</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The Health Status Note 5/3/25 at 1:25 PM, identified at 12:40 PM, the staff discovered Resident #1 received 2 milligrams (mg) clonazepam (antianxiety medication) and 25 mg hydroxyzine (anti-itch medication used to treat anxiety) which he didn't normally get. The staff immediately assessed Resident #1. The assessment revealed the following vital Signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Blood pressure (BP) - 94/58 (average 120/80) b. Temperature - 97.5 (average 98.6) c. Pulse - 92 (average 80 - 100) d. Respirations - 18 (average 12 - 20) e. Oxygen saturation - 96% on room air (average greater than 90%) <p>Resident #1 didn't display any signs or symptoms of pain/discomfort. The staff notified the Advance Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) and Power of Attorney (POA). The staff received an order to monitor for 48 hours, then continue to monitor per facility protocol. The POA reported she would call back later in the day to check on Resident #1, and would follow up with any changes.</p> <p>An email to the attending physician dated 5/3/25 at 1:37 PM, indicated the facility sent a quick update that Staff A gave Resident #1, Resident #2 noon medications. (clonazepam and hydroxyzine). Per protocol, they notified the provider and submitted a medication error report. They monitored Resident #1 closely, and he had vitals at baseline with no noticeable lethargy or reaction noted. They planned to continue to monitor. On 5/4/25 at 9:13 AM, the attending physician replied, thank you duly noted.</p> <p>The Health Status Note dated 5/3/25 at 4:52 PM indicated the staff assessed Resident #1 due to noted lethargy (sleepiness) and decreased interactivity when staff approached him to get him up from his nap to have supper. The assessment reflected the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Temperature - 97.0 b. Pulse - 70 c. Respirations - 15 d. Blood Pressure - 123/68 e. Spo2 - 98% on room air. <p>Resident #1 had his head of bed (HOB) elevated. The staff repositioned Resident #1 and noted his pupils as equal and reactive to light. Resident #1 opened his eyes but didn't respond to questions or react to verbal stimuli. The note described Resident #1's color as pink, with warm and dry skin. Resident #1 had even respirations with noted audible (loud breath) chest congestion (a gurgle sound). The staff documented no coughing or sobbing noted. The staff spoke with the facility's on call-provider to discuss Resident #1's condition. They instructed to monitor for the time being.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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