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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 26529</p> <p>Based on clinical record review, and staff, resident and resident responsible party interviews, the facility failed to assess a resident's decline in condition, and failed to complete and document assessments imperative for the resident's condition/care required over a 3 day period for 1 of 4 resident records reviewed (Resident #2). The facility reported a census of 43 residents.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set (MDS) Assessment tool dated 9/20/24 revealed Resident #2 scored 8 out of 15 points possible on the Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) cognitive assessment, that indicated moderate cognitive impairment with symptoms of delirium present, always able to make himself understood and understood others, had diagnoses that included diabetes, non-Alzheimer's dementia, and muscle weakness, weighed 122 pounds, without weight gain or loss in the 6 months that preceded the assessment and had no identified skin conditions. The Assessment revealed the resident required substantial staff support to reposition in bed, transfer to and from bed and chair, dressing, toileting, bathing, and personal hygiene, and required moderate staff assistance for eating.</p> <p>Weights recorded in the resident's record revealed:</p> <p>8/13/24 123.0 pounds (#)</p> <p>8/15/24 124.0 #</p> <p>8/20/24 123.5 #</p> <p>8/22/24 123.0 #</p> <p>8/27/24 119.5 #</p> <p>8/29/24 121.5 #</p> <p>9/3/24 122.0 #</p> <p>9/5/24 120.0 #</p> <p>9/10/24 123.0 #</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 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>10/30/24 at 9:36 a.m., the facility DON, Staff G, stated the resident wasn't doing well on 10/16/24, she had to work as the nurse that evening because the facility was having their annual survey by the State (Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, &amp; Licensing) and nobody wants to work then. The RDL had seen the resident that day and they were trying to make a referral to Hospice due to his decline, but could not describe any actions that were taken to initiate the referral at that time. The DON stated the girls said there was something different, the girls referring to facility staff. The DON stated the ADON had gone into assess him and said his vital signs were lower, so she went in to assess him then and he was non-responsive. She notified the POA, they said to send him to the hospital, the ambulance came and they asked what they were supposed to do because he was dying. The DON stated she gave the ambulance staff report and directed them the resident was a full code and was to be taken to the hospital. When asked if she had called report to the hospital (a standard of practice) the DON stated no, she gave report to the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) that worked on the ambulance.</p> <p>The DON acknowledged the resident received breathing treatments, was on oxygen to keep his saturations up, she had not assessed his breath sounds that day, on days prior they were diminished, cleared when he coughed if she remembered correctly. When asked where her assessments would be documented, the DON stated in the Nursing Progress Notes, and staff should check breath sounds if they were abnormal, or if they were on breathing treatments and record the findings in the record. She checked his O2 Sat when he was non-responsive and it was 94% with the oxygen on. When asked if she had checked his blood sugar, or knew that it was 667 upon his arrival to the ER, the DON stated the resident had not been eating when he had Covid and didn't understand why his blood sugar was so high.</p> <p>10/29/24 at 1:18 p.m., Staff I, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) stated when the resident had Covid, he didn't have an appetite at all, and wouldn't eat even with a lot of encouragement and support by staff. He did better with liquids/supplements, and even that took a lot of coaxing in order to get the resident to drink. Staff I stated she would tell the nurse when the resident refused to eat anything.</p>		