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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Pine Acres Rehabilitation and Care Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1501 Office Park Road West Des Moines, IA 50265	
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F 0684 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals. Based on clinical record review, hospital record review, facility policy review, family and staff interviews, the facility failed to provide timely assessment and intervention for 2 of 3 (Resident #1 and Resident #8) residents in the sample. The facility failed to respond to reports of a change in condition for Resident #1, which resulted in a hospitalization for sepsis; and failed to notify the provider of the need to evaluate and review a 30-day order for psychotropic medications for a new admission (Resident #8) prior to their expiration. The facility reported a census of 85 residents. Findings include: 1. The Minimum Data Set (MDS) of Resident #1 dated 9/18/25 identified a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 11, which indicated moderate cognitive impairment. The MDS coded that the resident needed setup or clean-up assistance to eat. The MDS documented diagnoses which included Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), heart failure, and diabetes. The Care Plan of Resident #1 identified a Focus Area of Needing Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL). It documented Resident #1 as being independent with eating after staff set up. The Care Plan identified a Focus Area of Altered Cardiovascular Status. It directed staff to monitor/document and report as needed for any symptoms which included fatigue. The Care Plan identified a Focus Area of Risk of Increase in communication problems. It directed staff to allow adequate time to respond and request clarification from the resident to ensure understanding. It additionally directed staff to monitor/document for any physical/non verbal indicators of discomfort or distress and follow-up as needed and to monitor/document/report as needed any changes in ability to communicate. The Progress Note dated 10/26/25 at 4:47 pm documented Resident #1 was sent to the hospital due to altered Mental Status. The hospital records revealed an arrival time to the Emergency Department as 10/26/25 at 5:28 pm, being admitted to the Intensive Care Unit on 10/27/25 at 2:33 pm. The hospital records documented in the emergency room, the resident was hemodynamically stable (meaning her blood pressure, heart rate and circulation were steady and adequate) but she was not responding verbally. Per the note, she did follow simple instructions and the provider ordered a CT (computed tomography) scan (an imaging test to detect for injuries, internal bleeding, etc) which was unremarkable, with lab results indicating an underlying infection. Several hours later, a hospitalist physician documented that the resident had become increasingly hypoxic (not enough oxygen reaching the body's tissues or organs) and required up to 6 liters of oxygen. During the first day of hospitalization, the resident was given diagnoses which included Sepsis (a life-threatening condition that happens when a person's immune system response overreacts to an infection, which can damage body tissues and organs) with acute renal (kidney) failure; acute hypoxic respiratory failure (a life-threatening condition where the body's lungs fail to adequately provide oxygen to the bloodstream, leading to low oxygen levels) and acute metabolic encephalopathy (a rapid decline in brain function caused by a disturbance in the body's metabolism). She had not been released from the hospital at the time of the survey. On 10/30/25 at 12:28 pm, Staff A, Certified Medication Aide (CMA) stated that on Sunday, 10/26/25 she had last given Res #1 medication in the late afternoon. She stated she told the nurse at that time the resident was kind of staring off into space and not talking much. She was able to take her medication but appeared to have a hard time swallowing. She stated the resident normally could talk, although she was very soft spoken. On (continued on next page)		

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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F 0684 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	added the facility did request a pharmacy review as well and the Medical Director for the facility did wish for the community hospital to continue to handle the psychotropic medications for Res #8. She added that if she had been the admitting nurse who entered the orders into the EHR, she would have questioned the 30 day stop. On 11/4/25 at 10:00 am, the ARNP stated that to her memory, the facility had never notified her of Resident #8's orders having a stop date for 30 days upon admission. She stated she would never recommend hard stopping psychotropic medications without first tapering the doses down. She recalled a family member speaking to her recently, prior to the resident's death, about how upset she was about the medications having been stopped the way they were. The ARNP stated she had no idea how it happened. She described that for all new admissions, she is provided with a list of medications the resident is on but she was unable to state if stop dates were included on these lists. She also added she had written an order for Res #8 to receive services from the consulting behavioral health services who see residents in the facility. She clarified they also may not have been aware of the 30 day stop date of the medications. On 11/4/25 at 10:57 am, a second representative from the consulting pharmacy stated she had paperwork documenting the pharmacy had questioned the 30 day stop date and she would forward those documents. An email was received from the second pharmacy representative on 11/4/25 at 11:08 am. She included two documents on separate dates showing the pharmacy did bring up the 30 day stop date to the facility. She stated one of the documents was signed and acknowledged by the medical provider but did not address the 30 day stop date. The admission Medication Review for Resident #8, dated 6/3/25 included under the section of incomplete or vague directions needing clarification: Please clarify if orders sent for 30 day supply should be continued. This document was signed at the bottom by the ARNP and dated 6/5/25 with no clarification included as per the request. The Medication Regimen Review for the facility, dated 6/1/25 - 6/18/25, included, for Res #8, under Findings/Recommendation: Please follow-up with the prescriber to clarify the 30 day stop dates on Res #8's psychotropic meds. Each of them appear to be maintenance meds that would likely be necessary to continue ongoing. On 11/4/25 at 2:11 pm, the Regional Director of Operations stated if a resident has a decline of condition, her expectation is for the medical provider to be notified. She additionally stated if the pharmacy makes a medication recommendation, her expectation is for those recommendations to be followed up on.		

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F 0760 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on clinical record review, facility policy review, and staff interviews the facility failed to follow physician orders to remove a fentanyl patch prior to applying a new patch for 1 of 1 residents (Resident #2) reviewed. The facility reported a census of residents. Findings include: The Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] revealed that Resident #3 had diagnoses of cancer, polyneuropathy due to other toxic agents, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and unspecified abdominal pain. The Care Plan initiated on 12/9/24 indicated that Resident #3 used Fentanyl related to pain and directed staff to administer the medication as ordered by the physician. The Physician's Order Summary Report dated 9/5/25 included an order for Fentanyl 25 mcg (micrograms) patch apply one patch topically to skin every 3 days and to remove old patch prior to the applying the new patch and to rotate sites. The Electronic Health Record (EHR) Progress Notes revealed that on 9/6/25 Resident #3 appeared to be confused and unable to answer questions. She was also looking around and was unable to voice needs. It also revealed that Staff A, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) was at the facility assessing the Resident #3 and noted that she was lethargic and confused with a history of urosepsis and hydronephrosis. Staff A, ARNP sent Resident #3 to the hospital given her current symptoms. The EHR revealed Resident #3's vital signs on 9/5/25 at approximately 11:30 AM were 98.4 temperature, 97 pulse, 107/69 blood pressure and 95% oxygen saturation. The Electronic Medication Administration Record (EMAR) dated 9/2025 indicated that Resident #3 had a 25 mcg (mcg) Fentanyl patch applied to the left arm on 9/2/25; and on 9/5/25 a patch placed on her right arm. The facility-controlled substance book confirmed a Fentanyl patch applied to Resident #3 on 9/2/25 was 25 mcg. The facility automated medication dispensing system report indicated that the Fentanyl patch removed and applied to Resident #3 on 9/5/25 was 25 mcg. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Patient Care Report dated 9/5/25 for Resident #3 indicated that a Fentanyl patch removed en route to the hospital. No further information regarding location, strength or date on patch included in report. The Emergency Department (ED) Physician Notes dated 9/5/25 indicated that Resident #3 had a second Fentanyl patched removed in the ED. No further information regarding the strength or location of the patch included in the report. The note listed diagnoses of sepsis, acute kidney injury, elevated liver enzymes, lactic acidosis, elevated thyroid stimulating hormone and anemia. The Physician Discharge summary dated [DATE], Hospital Course indicated, in part .On 9/7 Patient transferred to ICU (Intensive Care Unit) for fentanyl overdose with severe acute hepatic encephalopathy (a neuropsychiatric syndrome caused by diseased liver's inability to filter toxins, like ammonia, from the blood, allowing them to reach the brain) with increased ammonia levels in the 200's (normal 15 to 45; or 10.7 to 32 depending on type of test completed by the lab) .In an interview on 10/21/25 at approximately 8:50 AM Staff A, ARNP stated she was here on 9/5/25 prior to the transfer out of Resident #3 at around 11:30 AM. She was lethargic and confused. She believed she was septic as she has a history of urosepsis and she had a lower blood pressure and increased pulse. She did not look to see how many Fentanyl patches she had on but heard that she had two on. In an interview on 10/21/25 at 10:04 the consulting Pharmacist queried about how long a 72-hour Fentanyl patch would continue to put out medication, and he stated that 72 hours is based on averages so it could have been completely done or still releasing some medication. During an interview on 10/21/25 at 1:50 PM Staff C, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) queried about the 9/5/25 Fentanyl patch and she stated if she did place a patch from the automatic dispensing system, she would need a second person as the machine required two sets of finger prints to remove a patch. She added she does not remember who signed with her that day. When told Resident #3 went to the hospital an hour after she applied the patch, she stated she did remember putting on the patch. She stated she remembered telling Staff A, ARNP that something was off about the resident. Staff C, LPN stated that she took off the old patch on the left arm as she has to before she can put on the new one. She also stated that (continued on next page)		

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