

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 165587	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 08/22/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Northbrook Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 6420 Council Street NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402	
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<p>F 0638</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Assure that each resident's assessment is updated at least once every 3 months.</p> <p>48452</p> <p>Based on record review, staff interviews, and policy review the facility failed to complete a quarterly assessment in a timely manner for 1 of 3 residents reviewed (Resident #2). The facility reported a census of 74 residents.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set (MDS) for Resident #2 dated 4/25/24 documented a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) of 12/15 indicating moderate cognitive impairment, and included diagnoses of acute respiratory failure with hypoxia (not enough oxygen in tissue), sepsis, and congestive heart failure. Section GG documented the resident used a walker or wheelchair for mobility and required set up or clean up assistance with sit to stand, chair to bed/bed to chair transfers, and toilet transfers.</p> <p>The electronic health record (EHR) for Resident #2 documented MDS assessments completed for discharge with anticipated return on 7/10/24 and entry back to the facility 7/11/24. The EHR showed a quarterly assessment due date of 7/26/24 with a complete by date of 8/9/24. At the time of this review that assessment due date was highlighted red and indicated it was 9 days overdue.</p> <p>An interview with the Director of Nursing (DON) on 8/18/24 at 1:43 PM determined MDS assessments should be completed quarterly, annually, and with significant resident changes. She was not aware of a late MDS and indicated she would need to look into it.</p> <p>Further review of the EHR on 8/21/24 at 2:56 PM indicated the MDS assessment was completed on 8/18/24 at 2:50 PM, documented in a Progress Note.</p> <p>An email from the Administrator, dated 8/17/24 at 2:36 PM, documented the facility did not have a written policy regarding resident assessments and care planning.</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 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>48452</p> <p>Based on observation, record review, resident interviews, staff interviews, and policy review the facility failed to follow a resident's Care Plan for transfers and to assess a resident immediately after a fall for 1 of 3 residents reviewed (Resident #6). The resident required a mechanical lift with the assistance of 2 staff for transfers. The facility failed to provide assistance of 2 while the resident was transferred in the shower room which resulted in the resident sliding out of the mechanical lift sling. The facility further failed to conduct an assessment of the resident prior to getting her up from the shower room floor. The facility reported a census of 74 residents.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set (MDS) for Resident #6 dated 5/23/24 documented a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 14/15 which indicated intact cognition. Diagnoses included other acute paralytic poliomyelitis (polio, disease of motor neurons of the spinal cord and brain), repeated falls, and fracture (vertebra). The MDS documented the resident used a wheelchair for mobility and required substantial/maximal assistance for showering and bathing. The resident was dependent on staff for all transfers.</p> <p>Resident #6's Care Plan, with a focus area for ADL self-care performance deficits revised 9/20/23, included bathing and transfer interventions revised 4/12/24. At that time the resident required extensive assistance by 1 staff with showering twice a week and as needed, and transfer assistance of 2 staff with a Sara lift (standing mechanical lift) to shower. On 8/12/24 the bathing section was updated to change the Sara lift to a Hoyer lift (full body mechanical lift), and the resident remained an assist of 2.</p> <p>A Late Entry Progress Note titled Nursing Progress Note, dated 8/10/2024 at 15:02, was entered in Resident #6's electronic health record (EHR) on 8/11/24 at 16:06. It documented the following encounter with the resident and Staff C, Certified Nurses Aide, (CNA):</p> <p>This nurse (Staff B, Registered Nurse (RN)) was sitting in the nurses station when notified by (Staff C) as she was wheeling patient past the nurses station back to her room that the resident did not fall in the shower. (Staff C) stated that (the resident) was supported as her legs were already giving out and it was not possible to lift her even further, she was transferred to her wheelchair using the gait belt. This nurse followed them to her room and did vital signs and an assessment. 120/70, 80, 14, 97.8, 96 RA. Patient denied having pain. Patient stated that she did not fall and that she was ok.</p> <p>A Progress Note dated 8/10/24 at 17:07 titled Nursing Progress Note indicated Staff B was called into the resident's room for two skin tears on her right forearm that needed dressing. One measured 5 mm by 5 mm and the other 20 mm by 10 mm. The note indicated the provider was faxed for an order. The cause of the skin tears was not documented.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Investigation documentation also included a statement from Staff I that he went to answer the call light while Resident #6's shower was taking place at around 3:00 PM. When he left that resident's room, Staff C informed him Resident #6 was on the floor. He asked if the nurse knew because he was not going to get her up. Staff C told him no and they could get her up. They lifted her using the gait belt. He saw a skin tear on the resident's right arm. He reported they took her to the nurses station and there was not a nurse there, so they took the resident to her room. 15 minutes later he saw the nurse was assessing her. He reported never transferring a resident alone if they were an EZ Stand (another name for a Sara lift or standing mechanical lift).</p> <p>A Progress Note dated 8/12/2024 at 08:55 AM titled Nursing Progress Note revealed an order was received for spinal, lumbar thoracic, 2 view right hip et 2 view right shoulder X-ray. Order noted in queue. (X-ray company) notified. The resident's power of attorney was notified at 09:04.</p> <p>A note titled Nursing Progress Note on 8/12/24 at 12:48 revealed the X-ray results were negative for fracture and faxed to the resident's provider.</p> <p>A Progress Note dated 8/12/2024 at 13:58 titled Nursing Progress Note indicated she continued to have widespread pain, especially with movement and repositioning. She had not been out of bed during the shift due to her pain.</p> <p>A document from the resident's provider titled ICF Progress Note with an 8/12/24 date of service documented the resident's legs gave out on her when staff transferred her. The resident had increased pain and discomfort. The provider noted a history of chronic pain due to a T12 compression fracture and chronic pain medication, scheduled and as needed. There were no acute findings on the X-rays. The provider added a pain patch to her regimen that would be replaced weekly and ice as needed.</p> <p>A Progress Note dated 8/13/2024 at 12:06 titled Nursing Progress for a follow up on a staff assisted incident revealed the resident continued to complain of right shoulder and right anterior chest wall discomfort. She was able to move her right upper extremities with some discomfort but stated that it felt better.</p> <p>On 8/16/24 at 1:24 PM, during an observation and interview with Resident #6, she stated that on Saturday (8/10/24) she changed from a Sara lift to a Hoyer lift after her legs gave out on her. She pointed to her left arm and said she hurt her right shoulder, arm, knee, and hip and had been spending more time resting. She reported no breaks but that she had pain, and it felt better lying down. She thought the knee and hip pain was from hitting the floor and the arm and shoulder pain from holding on to the stand. Resident #6 was not exhibiting any signs or symptoms of pain at the time of the observation, no grimacing, jerky movements, or holding on to her arm or shoulder. She believed the facility was managing her pain.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Staff B stated everything surfaced the next day, and Staff C lied to the DON about what happened with the resident's transfer. Staff C reported there had been another CNA with her and that she had to ask 3 times for the nurse to do an assessment. Staff B also stated Staff E told her the next morning she should have filled out an incident report, and called the family and provider, but Staff B was confused because Staff C said the resident didn't fall. She stated she didn't know there was an issue to call about. She clarified Staff C told her they assisted the resident from the lift to the wheelchair, not from the floor to the wheelchair. Staff B then stated she panicked and called the DON. She confirmed she entered the incident report, and notified the POA and provider on 8/11/24 as late entries. Staff B reported that Staff C eventually admitted she was alone during the transfer, apologized for not telling the truth, and told her she did it because she didn't want to get into trouble. Staff B said she resigned when approached with a disciplinary report because of how accusing ' they ' were and because the report was the same as the CNA's even though Staff C lied. She said she couldn't work there like that and there were too many residents for one nurse to be responsible for anyway.</p> <p>On 8/21/24 at 4:07 PM, during an interview with Staff C, she verified she received fall training during her orientation and Resident #6 was an assist of two staff at the time of the fall. She acknowledged the facility requirement was for a 2 person transfer for mechanical lifts and that the resident was not assessed by a nurse prior to getting her up from the floor. She confirmed she chose to transfer the resident alone and stated she felt pressured to move the resident so she didn't get cold. She clarified the resident didn't say she was cold, she just knew it could happen. Staff C stated again that she was on the right side and Staff I was on the left side, and reported not being sure how the resident got the skin tears on her right arm. She avoided the question asking which one of them decided to get the resident up without being assessed. She was aware of the resident's prior incidents of weakness and back pain. Staff C believed this incident could have happened with two people because of that. She reported not knowing why the resident had arm and shoulder pain, and denied the resident reported pain to her at the time of the fall. She stated the resident was never left alone even when she looked for another CNA. She repeated she told the nurse as they walked by the nurses station that the resident needed to be assessed. She didn't know why Staff I said the nurse wasn't there. Staff C stated the resident told the nurse she didn't fall, and the nurse said it wasn't a fall. She denied the nurse's claim that she said the skin tears were there before the fall. At the end of the interview, when asked about staffing, the CNA stated there was a lot of work but they could usually get it done. At 5:02 PM Staff C shared that she wanted to add something about staffing. She stated staffing was actually a big concern of hers. She felt there were not enough staff who actually knew the residents that day, and felt like she had to do everything herself. She did not think 3 CNAs was enough for 70 residents when so many require 2 staff to transfer.</p> <p>In an email dated 8/17/24 at 2:36 PM the Administrator documented the facility did not have a policy or procedure related to resident transfers (technique, training, decision making, etc.). They also did not have a policy related to assessments.</p> <p>The facility's policy titled Nursing Facility Abuse Prevention, Identification, Investigation, and Reporting Policy, dated only as October, documented that all residents had the right to be free from abuse and neglect. Page 3 noted the facility would provide a supportive and safe environment for all residents to the extent possible through the deployment of trained and qualified staff to meet resident needs as identified in both the individual resident care plans and the facility assessment.</p>		