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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 175141	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/19/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Medicalodges Atchison		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1637 Riley Street Atchison, KS 66002	
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F 0602 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	<p>Protect each resident from the wrongful use of the resident's belongings or money.</p> <p>47834</p> <p>The facility identified a census of 39 residents. The sample included three residents reviewed for misappropriation of property. Based on observation, record review, and interviews, the facility failed to ensure Resident (R) 1 and R2 remained free from misappropriation of medications when during a random controlled substance audit it was discovered three of the nine entries from 03/01/25 to 03/26/25 for R1 and three out of six entries from 03/24/25 to 03/26/25 for R2 were signed out on the count sheet by Licensed Nurse (LN) G but were not documented on the Electronic Medication Administration Record (EMAR). Further investigation by the facility revealed LN G signed out medications as being destroyed using another nurse's initials and initials that were identified as not belonging to any member of the licensed facility staff. This deficient practice placed R1 and R2 at risk for missed medications and further misappropriation of medications.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The facility's investigation, dated 04/03/25, documented on 03/26/25 Consultant GG conducted a monthly on-site visit that consisted of a medication documentation review and a controlled substance audit. The results of the audit were reviewed and indicated missing entries on two of the four residents that were selected through the random controlled substances audit. Upon further review, it was determined that three of the nine entries from 03/01/25 to 03/26/25 for R1 and three out of the six entries for R2 from 03/24/25 to 03/26/25 were signed out on the count sheet but were not documented on the EMAR. Administrative Nurse D analyzed these results and initiated an audit of R1's and R2's controlled medications. This audit consisted of a comparison of the controlled medication count sheet to each medication administration record for each resident with the scheduled and as-needed controlled medication orders. The results of this audit revealed the following for R1 and R2: <p>On 03/10/25 hydrocodone-acetaminophen (a combination medication used to treat moderate to severe pain) 5 milligrams (mg)-325 mg was not signed out on the EMAR but was signed out on the controlled drug record. It was recorded as being given at 08:21 PM and then appeared that the number 19 was written over the 20 on the controlled drug record by LN G.</p> <p>On 03/11/25 it was indicated on the EMAR that the hydrocodone-acetaminophen 5 mg-325 mg was signed out by LN G at 01:38 AM and marked effective. When compared to the controlled medication record, this medication was signed out at 03:30 AM.</p> <p>On 03/15/25 LN H documented R1 was out of the facility.</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 0602</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The facility investigation further documented that once the audits were completed, Administrative Nurse D reached out to LN G to discuss the findings and was unable to make immediate contact. Administrative Nurse D then reached out to LN H as she was indicated as the second nurse involved in the disposal of medications with LN G. LN H stated that she had not destroyed any controlled medications with LN G and that she could not recall any other times she wasted narcotics with LN G. LN G reviewed the initials that were documented as the second nurse witnessing the disposal of narcotics and LN H stated that the initials documented were not hers because the handwriting was not hers. Administrative Nurse D then interviewed all other licensed nursing staff individually regarding the disposal of the controlled medications signed out by LN G. Upon completing interviews, there were no staff nurses that recalled ever wasting narcotics with LN G. During the interviews, Administrative Nurse D asked the nurses if LN H ever held the narcotic keys and counted with them at shift change and all nurses stated LN G was the night nurse on her rotation that would count and have possession of the narcotic keys. The investigation further documented Administrative Nurse D reached out to LN G via phone and asked LN G to come into the facility, but LN G was unable to come to the facility due to car trouble. Administrative Nurse D then discussed the findings of the audits with LN G. LN G explained to Administrative Nurse D that she could not recall wasting any medications. LN G stated she did not waste R1's narcotics and that she must have mistakenly documented they were wasted, but she did in fact administer the medications. Administrative Nurse D verified back to LN G what she stated and then Administrative Nurse D discussed with LN G that there was no way the medications were administered because R1 was out of the facility and admitted to the hospital on 03/14/25. The documentation for the medication being destroyed was on 03/15/25. LN G then stated they did not know what happened. The investigation documented Administrative Nurse D discussed the disposal of R2's oxycodone. There were doses pulled that were not administered and there were doses pulled that were administered within three hours of each other when the order stated the medication was to be administered every six hours as needed. LN G stated that she had to have wasted the medication if it was documented. Administrative Nurse D asked LN G if LN H was with her when wasting medications because LN H had stated she did not recall wasting medication with LN G. Administrative Nurse D questioned how LN H's initials were documented in LN G's handwriting and not LN H's. Per investigation, LN G stated LN H knew that LN G wasted medications that LN H had given LN G permission to sign LN H's name and credentials, and that LN G would just make LN H aware when she did it. The investigation documented Administrative Nurse D explained the policy required two nurses to be present when narcotic medications were wasted, and that it was against the law to document another nurse's initials and credentials. Administrative nurse D informed LN G that LN H denied giving permission for LN G to ever sign her name or initials on the controlled medication count sheet and did not have any knowledge of these medications being destroyed. Administrative Nurse D informed LN G that the same medication was pulled less than three hours later but it was never documented that the medication was given and that it would have been too early for that medication to have been given. The facility investigation further documented Administrative Nurse D and Administrative Staff A informed LN G that she was being released from duties and was no longer employed at the facility for falsifying documentation and for not following policy on the destruction of narcotics. The investigation documented local police, the State Agency, the Chief Nursing Officer, the Medical Director, the primary care provider, and the Regional [NAME] President were notified. The investigation documented the state board of nursing was notified and all missing medications were replaced with all expenses paid by the facility.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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F 0602 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	<p>The facility completed corrective actions, which were completed on 03/28/25 and included a controlled substance audit conducted, medications replaced, Licensed Nurse interviews conducted, Alleged Perpetrator Interviewed, suspended & terminated. Law enforcement was notified. Impromptu QAPI meeting conducted, ANE education conducted. Licensed nurse training was conducted regarding the following policies and procedures: controlled medication reconciliation, controlled medication inventory, controlled medication shift count sheet, the 8 rights of medication administration, controlled medication individual reconciliation, disposal of medications, controlled medication storage, documentation requirements, and controlled substances.</p> <p>Due to the corrective action completed before the onsite survey, the citation was deemed past noncompliance at an D scope and severity.</p>		