

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 175157	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/03/2025
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<p>F 0697</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide safe, appropriate pain management for a resident who requires such services.</p> <p>The facility reported a census of 93 residents. The sample included three residents. Based on interview and record review the facility failed to assess for pain and take action to manage severe pain for Resident (R)1. Additionally, the facility failed to communicate R1's pain between her nurses, doctors, and other healthcare providers. As a result of the deficient practice, R1 had severe pain with ineffective pain relief for six days. This deficient practice also placed R1 at risk for discomfort and further decline in her overall well-being.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R1's Electronic Health Record (EHR) included diagnoses of osteoarthritis (degenerative changes to one or many joints characterized by swelling and pain), hemiparesis/hemiplegia (weakness and paralysis on one side of the body), and chronic pain. <p>R1's 11/02/24 Annual Minimum Data Set (MDS) documented a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of four, which indicated severely impaired cognition. The MDS documented R1 was dependent on staff for all activities of daily living (ADL). The MDS documented R1 had impairment of both the upper and lower extremities on one side. The MDS documented R1 received routine medications and did not receive as needed pain medications or non-medicated pain interventions during the observation period. The MDS noted R1 did not report pain during the interview. The MDS documented R1 received opioid (a class of controlled drugs used to treat pain) medication during the observation period.</p> <p>R1's Cognitive Loss/Dementia Care Area Assessment (CAA) dated 11/08/24 documented R1 triggered due to orientation, memory, and recall deficits noted during the BIMS interview. The CAA noted R1's risk factors included self-care deficits, falls, and injuries. The CAA noted the care plan would reflect the resident's current cognitive status, ADL status, encourage active participation in facility functions, maintain communication, decrease fall and pressure ulcer risk, and maintain R1's dietary intake and hydration status.</p> <p>The Pain CAA did not trigger on the MDS.</p> <p>R1's 05/05/25 Quarterly MDS documented a BIMS score of zero, which indicated severely impaired cognition. The MDS documented R1 as dependent on staff for all activities of daily living (ADL). The MDS documented R1 had impairment of both the upper and lower extremities on one side. The MDS documented R1 received routine medications and as-needed pain medications: R1 did not receive non-medicated pain interventions during the observation period. The MDS documented R1 received opioid medication.</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 0697</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>R1's Care Plan dated 05/23/23 directed staff to evaluate the effectiveness of R1's pain interventions and administer pain medications as ordered. The plan dated 10/10/23 directed staff to provide non-pharmacological pain interventions including diversional activities, massage, quiet environment, and repositioning. The plan, dated 11/15/23, directed staff to anticipate the resident's need for pain relief and respond immediately to any complaint of pain. The plan directed staff to notify the physician if the interventions were unsuccessful or if R1's complaint was a significant change from the resident's past experience of pain. The plan directed staff to observe and report changes in usual routine, sleep patterns, decrease in functional abilities, decreased range of motion, and/or withdrawal or resistance to care. The plan directed staff to report to the nurse a loss of appetite, refusal to eat, and weight loss.</p> <p>R1's Physician Orders documented the following orders:</p> <p>Acetaminophen (over-the-counter pain medication) oral tablet 325 milligrams (mg), give two tablets by mouth at bedtime for back pain, dated 12/14/23.</p> <p>Acetaminophen oral tablet 325 mg, give two tablets by mouth every six hours as needed for pain, dated 12/14/23.</p> <p>Hydrocodone-acetaminophen (opioid medication use to treat severe pain) oral tablet 5-325 mg, give one tablet by mouth every six hours as needed for pain, date ordered 01/15/24.</p> <p>Hydrocodone-acetaminophen oral tablet 5-325 mg, give one tablet by mouth two times a day for arthritis pain, date ordered 01/15/24.</p> <p>R1's Progress Note dated 04/30/25 at 12:47 PM documented R1 cried out in pain in the dining room. The note documented staff noted R1's left arm was behind her in a wheelchair and R1 hollered out loudly in pain when her arm was touched. The note documented R1 had edema (swelling resulting from an excessive accumulation of fluid in the body tissues) on her left elbow. Staff notified R1's physician and received an order for an X-ray of R1's left humerus (upper arm bone) and left elbow immediately.</p> <p>The Progress Note dated 04/30/25 at 04:10 PM, documented the X-ray results were negative.</p> <p>The X-ray Reports dated 04/30/25 documented no fractures (broken bone) of the left elbow or left humerus.</p> <p>The Provider Progress Note dated 05/01/25 at 10:25 AM documented R1 hurt her left elbow after being repositioned in the wheelchair. The noted documented the X-rays showed no acute displaced fractures. The note recorded R1 had acetaminophen 325 mg two tablets by mouth every six hours for pain and R1 had left-side weakness and received supportive care.</p> <p>The Progress Note dated 05/05/25 at 03:05 PM documented R1 had a shower, and no new concerns were noted.</p> <p>The Progress Note dated 05/21/25 at 02:09 PM documented R1 received a shower that day and recorded R1 had yellow bruises on her chest area and the nurse was aware.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0697</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 06/03/25 at 11:38 AM, Administrative Nurse E reported R1 had pain when staff transferred her with the mechanical lift but once she was transferred, she was fine. Administrative Nurse E said R1's body would stiffen because she had contractures (abnormal fixation of muscles or joints). Administrative Nurse E reported she noted around the beginning of May, R1 complained of left arm pain and had some swelling. Administrative Nurse E said an X-ray was negative. Administrative Nurse E reported she was not R1's direct care nurse so she did not know if R1 had any other discomfort. Administrative Nurse E reported if a pain medication was not effective, the nurse would notify the provider with a phone call.</p> <p>During an interview on 06/03/25 at 04:09 PM, Administrative Nurse D was not sure if the fracture was related to the incident on 04/30/25 for R1 as she had an open investigation for the fracture. Administrative Nurse D reported she expected the nurse to call the physician if a pain intervention was ineffective, or if the resident was experiencing increased pain, the nurse should call the provider and document that in the EHR. Administrative Nurse D reviewed R1's documentation in EHR for the three behavior notes that LN G documented uncontrolled crying and poor oral intake and reported she expected the nurses to complete a progress note on what interventions were completed and if they were effective or ineffective and document what was done for the resident. Administrative Nurse D said she expected the nurses to complete that documentation.</p> <p>During an interview on 06/03/25 at 05:15 PM Administrative Nurse D sat at the nursing station in the 200 hallway and reviewed the Team Health Book. Administrative Nurse D verified the book lacked any documentation about R1's increased pain in the month of May until 05/26/25 which was regarding the prescription that was needed for R1's hydrocodone refill. Administrative Nurse D reported the provider was generally in the facility every day and would look at the book. She further stated the provider was currently on vacation so she could not contact him until next week but went on to say that when the provider assessed R1 on 05/29/25, he changed the medication orders for pain and ordered the X-ray. Administrative Nurse D reported that R1's pain not being addressed the week prior to the fracture was a concern.</p> <p>The facility's Pain Assessment and Management dated 04/22/25 documented the facility must ensure pain management to each resident who requires such services, consistent with professional standards of practice, the comprehensive person-centered care plan, and the resident's goals and preferences.</p>		