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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 225284	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/08/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Plymouth Harborside Healthcare		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 19 Obery Street Plymouth, MA 02360	
For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.			
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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. Based on record reviews and interviews for one of three sampled residents (Resident #1), who was receiving Hospice Services, and had physician's orders for the administration of morphine, the Facility failed to ensure he/she was free from a significant medication error, when after nursing obtained new orders to administer a higher dosage of morphine to Resident #1, the previous order for morphine was not discontinued as ordered, and he/she was administered both dosages at the same time in error. Findings include: Review of the Facility Policy titled, Preventing and Detecting Adverse Consequences and Medication Errors, dated 08/2020, indicated the following: -the facility employs a system to ensure that medication usage is evaluated on an ongoing basis; -when a resident has a change in condition, medication-related problems are considered; -significant medication-related problems are assessed, documented and reported as appropriate to the resident's attending physician; -when a resident receives a new medication, the medication order is evaluated for: the dose, route of administration, duration, and monitoring are in agreement with current clinical practice, clinical guidelines and manufacturer's specifications for use, that the resident is not taking other medication that would be incompatible with the prescribed medication; -in the event of a significant medication-related error, immediate action is taken to protect the resident's safety and welfare; -a significant medication-related error is defined as: requiring medication discontinuation or dose modification; -the physician is notified promptly of any significant medication error. Review of the Report submitted by the Facility via Health Care Reporting System (HCERS), dated 5/07/26, indicated that the facility received a call from a Department of Public Health (DPH) representative to report that a complaint was received regarding an alleged medication error. The Report indicated that an internal investigation was initiated immediately and during the medical record review it was determined that medication transcription errors had occurred during the processing of Hospice recommendations and provider orders. The Report indicated the following: On 5/05/26, during the 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. shift, Hospice recommendations were made as follows: *Morphine 20 milligrams (mg) / 1 milliliter (ml) - administer 10 mg (0.5) ml sublingually (under the tongue) every two hours as a scheduled dose and *Morphine 20 mg / 1ml - administer 10 mg (0.5) ml sublingually every hour as needed (prn) for severe pain. The Report indicated that on 5/06/26, the Hospice Nurse made additional recommendations for Resident #1 as follows: *Discontinue scheduled Morphine 10 mg (0.5) ml every two hours and initiate *Morphine 20 mg / 1 ml - administer 20 mg (1) ml sublingually every two hours scheduled. The Report further indicated that during the transcription of this order, the original scheduled dose of Morphine 10 mg (0.5) ml was not discontinued, resulting in two active scheduled orders totaling Morphine 30 mg (1.5) ml every two hours. The Report indicated that Resident #1 received multiple doses prior to the discrepancy being identified. Resident #1 was admitted to the Facility in September 2021, diagnoses included acute respiratory failure with hypoxia, major depressive disorder, severe protein malnutrition, dementia, severe sepsis with septic shock, anxiety disorder, chronic venous insufficiency and kidney failure. Review of Resident #1's Facility Medication Error Report, dated 5/07/26, indicated that Resident #1's Morphine medication orders were not transcribed correctly, and he/she had two active scheduled orders, one for Morphine 20 mg every two hours and one for Morphine 10 mg every two hours. The Report indicated that the Nurse Practitioner (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.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE
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