

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 225376	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/29/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Penacook Place, Inc		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 150 Water Street Haverhill, MA 01830	
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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors.</p> <p>37342</p> <p>Based on records reviewed and interviews, for one of three sampled residents (Resident #1), the Facility failed to ensure he/she was free from a significant medication error, when on 03/18/25 he/she was administered the incorrect dose of long acting insulin. Resident #1 experienced an adverse reaction, including lethargy and malaise, for which he/she required treatment and increased monitoring by nursing until his/her blood sugar level stabilized.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>The Facility Policy, titled Insulin Administration, dated revised 09/2014, indicated nursing would verify the type of insulin, dosage requirements, strength, and method of administration before administration, to confirm it corresponds with the physician's orders.</p> <p>The Facility Policy, titled Adverse Consequences and Medication Errors, dated revised 02/2023, indicated that a medication error was defined as the preparation or administration of drugs or biologicals which was not in accordance with physician's orders, manufacturer specifications, or accepted professional standards and principals of the professional providing the services.</p> <p>Review of the Facility's Incident Report Form, dated 03/18/25, indicated that at 11:30 A.M., Resident #1's routine blood sugar check indicated his/her blood sugar was 52 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL) (indicative of hypoglycemia, low blood sugar defined by a blood glucose level below 70 mg/dL), he/she was asymptomatic at that time, ate some fig newtons and juice, and went to the main dining room for lunch. The Incident Report indicated Resident #1 later became symptomatic, was pale, sweating, cool and clammy, and said he/she did not feel well. The Incident Report indicated the Facility discovered that Nurse #1 had administered Resident #1's Toujeo (long acting insulin) 300 units/mL using a standard 100 unit/ml insulin syringe, and had therefore administered three times the prescribed dose of insulin, in error.</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's Nurse Practitioner Note, dated 03/18/25, indicated he/she was given Toujeo 108 units that morning instead of the prescribed dose of 36 units.</p> <p>Resident #1 was admitted to the Facility in August 2021, diagnoses included diabetes which was managed with insulin.</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 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Review of Resident #1's Order Summary Report for March 2025 indicated he/she had a physician's orders for Toujeo Max Solostar Subcutaneous (under the skin) Solution Pen-Injector 300 unit/mL, inject 36 units subcutaneously one time a day.</p> <p>Review of the Highlights for Prescription Information Insert for Toujeo (long acting insulin) Unit 300 Insulin Glargine pre-filled subcutaneous pen, dated revised 08/2024, indicated:</p> <p>-Toujeo was supplied in multi-dose pre-filled pens, and doses were injected using single use needles which attached to the pen.</p> <p>-Do not use a syringe to remove Toujeo from the Toujeo pre-filled pen, as it could cause you to give yourself too much insulin. Toujeo has three times as much insulin (300 units/mL) in one mL as compared to other insulin glargine products (100 units/mL) pens.</p> <p>According to the American Diabetes Association, people with diabetes should have blood sugar levels of 80-130 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL) before eating a meal (fasting), and less than 180 mg/dL about 1-2 hours after eating a meal, however these ranges varied per individual.</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's Blood Sugar Summary from 03/01/25 to 03/17/25 indicated his/her capillary blood sugar ranged between 88 mg/dL to 290 mg/dL, and was monitored by nursing four times daily.</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's Nurse Progress Note, dated 03/18/25, indicated during his/her routine blood sugar check at 11:30 A.M., his/her blood sugar level was 52 mg/dL (low), he/she was not symptomatic at the time, he/she ate two fig newtons, 16 ounces of cranberry juice and left his/her unit to go to the main dining room. The Note indicated that once Resident #1 was in the main dining room, he/she told the Director of Nurses (DON) about the low blood sugar level, said he/she was feeling sweaty and looking forward to eating lunch so he/she could feel better. The Note indicated Resident #1 said he/she had received his/her normal insulin injection between 08:00 A.M. and 09:00 A.M., that morning, that he/she had eaten a large lunch, continued to complain of feeling unlike him/herself. The Note indicated Resident #1 appeared cool, clammy and was pale.</p> <p>Further review of the Nurse Progress Note indicated his/her blood sugar was 55 mg/dL at 12:15 P.M., and Nurse Practitioner #1 provided new orders for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glucose Chewable Tablets - Intravenous Dextrose 5% in Water (D5W), 1,000 mL at a rate of 75 ml an hour (times one). - Check his/her blood sugar every 30 minutes for two hours, then every two hours until 07:30 A.M. on 03/19/25. <p>Review of Resident #1's Blood Sugar Summary indicated his/her blood sugars were monitored as ordered, and between 12:30 P.M. on 03/18/25 into 07:38 A.M., on 3/19/25, his/her blood sugars ranged from 94 mg/dL to 389 mg/dL.</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's Nurse Progress Note, dated 03/19/25, timed 07:35 A.M., indicated nursing assessed him/her throughout the night, he/she had no symptoms of hypoglycemia, and he/she received D5W via IV, as ordered.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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