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F 0880 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program. Based on observation, interview, and document review, the facility failed to maintain an infection prevention and control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary, and comfortable environment, and to help prevent the development and potential transmission of communicable diseases and infections. Specifically, the facility failed to: 1. Maintain an infection prevention and control program with a complete system of surveillance to identify any trends of actual or potential infections within the facility; and 2. Ensure appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) was utilized when providing care to two Residents (#11, #5) on Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP: infection prevention practice of wearing gown and gloves while performing direct care activities to reduce transmission of multi-drug-resistant organisms [MDRO's - bacteria that are resistant to three or more types of antimicrobial drugs]) including one Resident (#23) on Transmission-Based Precautions (TBP: additional infection control measures beyond standard precautions to prevent the spread of highly transmissible pathogens); and 3. Ensure Resident #15's nebulizer treatment equipment, including mask and tubing, were stored in a sanitary manner. Findings include: 1. Review of the facility's policy titled Infection Surveillance, dated as reviewed/revised December 2025, indicated but was not limited to the following: -A system of infection surveillance serves as a core activity of the facility's infection prevention and control program. Its purpose is to identify infections and to monitor adherence to recommended infection prevention and control practices in order to reduce infections and prevent the spread of infections. -The Infection Preventionist (IP) serves as the leader in surveillance activities, maintains documentation of incidents, findings, and any corrective actions made by the facility. -The facility will collect data to properly identify possible communicable diseases or infections among residents and staff before they spread. -Updated McGeer criteria (surveillance-based definitions used to track confirmed infections) or other nationally recognized surveillance criteria will be used to define infections. -All infections will be tracked Review of the facility's policy titled Infection Prevention and Control Program (IPCP), undated, indicated but was not limited to the following: -The program is based on accepted national infection prevention and control standards. -An IPCP is established and maintained to provide a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of communicable diseases and infections. (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.

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F 0881 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Implement a program that monitors antibiotic use. Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to implement an antibiotic stewardship program which included antibiotic use protocols and monitoring of antibiotic use in accordance with the facility's antibiotic stewardship program. Findings include: Review of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance titled The Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes, undated, indicated but was not limited to the following: - The purpose of an antibiotic stewardship program is to improve the use of antibiotics in healthcare to protect patients and reduce the threat of antibiotic resistance.- Antibiotic stewardship refers to a set of commitments and actions designed to optimize the treatment of infections while reducing the adverse events associated with antibiotic use.- The CDC recommends that all nursing homes take steps to improve antibiotic prescribing practices and reduce inappropriate use.- Any action taken to improve antibiotic use is expected to reduce adverse events, prevent emergence of resistance, and lead to better outcomes for residents in this setting. Review of the facility's policy titled Antibiotic Stewardship Program, dated as revised September 25, 2023, indicated but was not limited to the following: Antibiotics will be prescribed and administered to residents under the guidance of the facility's Antibiotic Stewardship Program.-The purpose of our Antibiotic Stewardship Program is to improve the use of antibiotics in our facility to protect residents and reduce the threat of antibiotic resistance to monitor the use of antibiotics in our residents.-When a culture and sensitivity (C&S) is ordered lab results and the current clinical situation will be communicated to the provider as soon as available to determine if antibiotic therapy should be started, continued, modified, or discontinued. Review of the facility's policy titled Infection Surveillance, dated as reviewed/revised December 2025, indicated but was not limited to the following: -The Infection Preventionist serves as the leader in surveillance activities, maintains documentation of incidents, findings, and any corrective actions made by the facility.-Updated McGeer criteria (surveillance-based definitions used to track confirmed infections) or other nationally recognized surveillance criteria will be used to define infections.-The facility will communicate via written reports to staff and/or prescribing practitioners information related to infection rates and outcomes in order to revise interventions/approaches and/or re-evaluate medical interventions as indicated.-All resident infections will be tracked. Review of the facility's policy titled Infection Prevention and Control Program (IPCP), undated, indicated but was not limited to the following: Antibiotic Stewardship-Antibiotic usage is evaluated and practitioners are provided with feedback on reviews. During an interview on 4/2/26 at 1:26 P.M., the Infection Preventionist (IP) said the facility utilizes McGeer criteria to determine if an illness meets the criteria for an infection requiring use of antibiotics. The IP said she completes the McGeer criteria on paper and keeps the completed documents in her office. Review of the Revised McGeer Criteria for Infection Surveillance Checklist, indicated but was not limited to the following: Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) Surveillance Definitions UTI without indwelling catheter: Must fulfill both 1 and 2 1. At least one of the following signs or symptoms:-Acute dysuria or pain, swelling, or tenderness of testes, epididymis, or prostate-Fever or leukocytosis, and 1 or more of the following: -Acute costovertebral angle pain or tenderness-Suprapubic pain-Gross hematuria-New or marked increase in incontinence, urgency, frequency-If no fever or leukocytosis, then one or more of the following:-Suprapubic pain-Gross hematuria-New or marked increase in incontinence, urgency 2. At least one of the following microbiologic criteria:- greater than or equal to 102 colony forming units (cfu)/milliliters (mL of no more than 2 species of organisms in a voided urine sample)- greater than or equal to 102 cfu/mL of any organism(s) in a specimen collected by an in-and-out-catheter UTI with indwelling catheter: Must fulfill both 1 and 2 1. At least one of the following signs or symptoms:-Fever, rigors, or new-onset hypotension, with no alternate site of infection.-Either acute change in mental status or acute functional decline, with no alternate diagnosis and leukocytosis-New-onset suprapubic pain or costovertebral angle pain or tenderness-Purulent discharge from around the catheter or acute pain, (continued on next page)		

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F 0881 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	swelling, or tenderness of the testes, epididymis, or prostate2. Urinary catheter specimen culture with greater than or equal to 105 cfu/mL of any organism(s) Review of the facility's Surveillance Sheets for February 2026 indicated but were not limited to the following: Resident #11 had a urinary catheter in place with a concern for a UTI with an onset date of 2/23/26 and was placed on Ceftriaxone (antibiotic). The surveillance stated it was for empiric treatment due to signs/symptoms, no lab services were completed due to weather, and a 48-hour time out (review of therapy 48-72 hours after initiation to ensure proper use) was completed and did meet criteria for infection (although it did not meet criteria per documentation). Review of Resident# 11's McGeer criteria, dated 2/25/26, indicated the concern fulfilled only one criteria (new-onset suprapubic pain or costovertebral angle pain or tenderness), no urine specimen completed, and the concern met criteria for infection (although it did not meet criteria due to no urine specimen completed).Review of the medical record failed to indicate a 48-hour time out had been completed even though the symptoms did not meet criteria for infection.Resident #59 did not have a urinary catheter and a concern for a UTI with an onset date of 2/22/26 and was placed on Bactrim (antibiotic). The surveillance stated it was for empiric treatment due to signs/symptoms, no lab services were completed due to weather, and a 48-hour time out was completed and did meet criteria for infection. Review of Resident# 59's McGeer criteria, dated 2/25/26, indicated the concern fulfilled both 1 and 2 criteria and did meet criteria for infection (although it did not meet criteria due to no urine specimen completed). Review of the medical record failed to indicate a 48-hour time out had been completed even though the symptoms did not meet criteria for infection. During an interview on 4/7/26 at 1:38 P.M., the IP said when a resident is prescribed an antibiotic, she uses the McGeer criteria to collect data, and she files them in her office. The IP said she gathers information about illnesses from resident records and in morning report. The IP said the facility began conducting 48-hour timeouts in January 2026, and it consists of her reviewing the medication with the provider within 48 to 72 hours, but she does not document the information in the resident record. She said she only makes a notation on her surveillance sheet. The IP said she has not been reviewing all antibiotic use with the providers. The surveyor and IP reviewed the completed McGeer criteria for Resident #11 and Resident #59 together and the IP said both McGeer criteria documents were completed inaccurately and the concern did not meet the criteria for infection. She said her surveillance was incorrect.During an interview on 4/7/26 at 2:44 P.M., the Director of Nursing (DON) said the IP should be communicating with the physician regarding any antibiotics that do not meet criteria, and document the communication in the medical record. She said the McGeer criteria should be completed accurately to ensure proper tracking of infections and antibiotic usage.		

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F 0759 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure medication error rates are not 5 percent or greater. Based on observations, records reviewed, and interviews, the facility failed to ensure it was free from a medication error rate of 5% or greater when two out of three nurses observed during a medication pass made two errors out of 39 opportunities, resulting in a medication error rate of 5%. Those errors impacted two Residents (#33 and #64), out of five residents observed. Findings include: Review of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing Advisory Ruling on Nursing Practice, dated as revised April 11, 2018, indicated but was not limited to, the following:-Nurse's Responsibility and Accountability: Licensed nurses accept, verify, transcribe, and implement orders from duly authorized prescribers. Review of the facility's policy titled Administering Medications, undated, indicated but was not limited to:- Medications are administered in accordance with prescriber orders, including any required time frame.- The individual administering the medication checks the label to verify the right resident, right medication, right dosage, right time and right method (route) of administration before giving the medication. 1. For Resident #33, Nurse #5 administered:-The incorrect formula of a probiotic (live microorganisms that provide health benefits when consumed, generally by improving or restoring the microbiota in the gut). On 4/6/26 at 8:45 A.M., the surveyor observed Nurse #5 prepare and administer medications to Resident #33 including:-Lactobacillus acidophilus (a bacteria-based probiotic that produces lactic acid, making the environment unfavorable to other bacteria by increasing the pH) 1 capsule. Review of Resident #33's Physician's Orders indicated but was not limited to:-Lactobacillus rhamnosus (a bacteria-based probiotic that does not produce lactic acid and does not make the environment unfavorable to other bacteria) 1 capsule by mouth in the morning. During an interview on 4/6/26 at 9:55 A.M., Nurse #5 said the facility supplies Lactobacillus acidophilus, not Lactobacillus rhamnosus, and Resident #33's order should be changed. 2. For Resident #64, Nurse #6 administered:- An anti-nausea medication ordered to be given before meals and scheduled at 7:30 A.M., late and at least one hour after breakfast. On 4/6/26 at 9:11 A.M., the surveyor observed Nurse #6 prepare and administer medications to Resident #64, including:- Zofran (or Ondansetron, a medication used to prevent/treat nausea and vomiting) 4mg 1 tablet. Review of Resident #64's Physician's Orders indicated, but was not limited to, the following:-Zofran 4 mg by mouth before meals for nausea. During an interview on 4/6/26 at 12:41 P.M., Nurse #6 said Resident #64 was taking anti-nausea medication because he/she had been hospitalized for nausea. Nurse #6 said Resident #64's Zofran should be scheduled earlier so it can be given before breakfast and not administered late. During an interview on 4/7/26 at 11:12 A.M., the Director of Nursing said it was her expectation that nurses in the facility follow physician's orders during medication administration.		

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F 0761 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure drugs and biologicals used in the facility are labeled in accordance with currently accepted professional principles; and all drugs and biologicals must be stored in locked compartments, separately locked, compartments for controlled drugs. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview, and document review, the facility failed to ensure all drugs and biologicals used in the facility were stored in a safe and secure manner as required. Specifically, the facility failed to ensure:1. Licensed staff locked one of two treatment carts, which contained numerous topical treatments and biologicals, when it was not in use and left in the hallway where it could be accessed by residents or passersby on the Oak Grove unit; and2. Medications were dated once opened, and discarded according to manufacturer's guidelines, in one of three medication carts observed. Findings include: Review of the facility's policy titled Storage of Medications, undated, indicated, but was not limited to, the following:-Drugs and biologicals used in the facility are stored in locked compartments under proper temperature, light and humidity controls. 1. On 4/6/26 on the Oak Grove unit, the surveyor made the following observations of the Oak Grove treatment cart:-3:06 P.M. - The treatment cart was unlocked against the wall in the hallway beside the nurse's station. Residents and unlicensed staff were in the general area of the treatment cart but no nurse was visible in the area.-3:11 P.M. - The treatment cart remained unlocked against the wall in the hallway near, but not visible from, the nurse's station. Nurse #6, the nurse who was assigned to the cart, returned to the unit via the elevator. -3:22 P.M. - The treatment cart remained unlocked against the wall in the hallway near, but not visible from, the nurse's station. The surveyor approached the treatment cart and was able to open all drawers. The treatment cart was found to contain prescription creams and ointments and other treatment supplies. Residents remained in the hallway in the vicinity of the unlocked treatment cart.-3:32 P.M. - The treatment cart remained unlocked against the wall in the hallway near, but not visible from, the nurse's station. Residents from the [NAME] and Oak Grove units were congregated in the area by the nurse's station waiting to go downstairs. -3:40 P.M. - The treatment cart remained unlocked against the wall in the hallway near, but not visible from, the nurse's station. Nurse #6 walked from the Oak Grove unit to the [NAME] unit, then returned to the Oak Grove unit and went downstairs via the elevator.-3:53 P.M. - The treatment cart remained unlocked against the wall in the hallway near, but not visible from, the nurse's station. Five residents remained in the general vicinity of the treatment cart. On 4/7/26 at 11:19 A.M., the surveyor observed the Oak Grove unit Float Assignment medication cart unlocked in the hallway across from the nurse's station. Two residents were sitting in wheelchairs beside the medication cart. The nurse was observed in the unit dining room administering medication to a resident with her back to the dining room door and out of line of sight of the medication cart. During an interview on 4/7/26 at 11:45 A.M., Nurse #6 said the treatment cart should always be locked when not in use. During an interview on 4/8/26 at 10:32 A.M., the Director of Nursing said medication and treatment carts should be locked when the nurse is not at the cart. 2. During observation of the Oak Grove medication cart with Nurse #6 on 4/7/26 at 11:34 A.M., the surveyor observed two opened bottles of Latanoprost eye drops for Resident #69 in the medication cart. Neither bottle was marked with the date opened. Per the manufacturer's instructions, Latanoprost eye drops should be discarded six weeks after opening. The surveyor also observed one bottle of ProStat (a liquid protein supplement) labeled with a date opened of 12/15/25. Per the manufacturer's instructions, ProStat should be discarded three months after opening. During an interview on 4/7/26 at 11:45 A.M., Nurse #6 said Latanoprost bottles should be labeled with the date opened and medications should be discarded per the manufacturer's instructions. During an interview on 4/8/26 at 10:32 A.M., the Director of Nursing said eye drops should be dated when opened and discarded per the manufacturer's instructions.		

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 225453	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/08/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER The Grove at Carvalho		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 273 Oak Grove Avenue Fall River, MA 02723	
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F 0812 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Procure food from sources approved or considered satisfactory and store, prepare, distribute and serve food in accordance with professional standards. Based on observation and interview, the facility failed to follow professional standards of practice for food safety and sanitation to prevent the potential spread of foodborne illness to residents who are at high risk. Specifically, the facility failed to ensure the main kitchen floor tile was maintained in a sanitary and safe condition and was free of standing, pooled water. Findings include: Review of the 2022 Food Code by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), revised January 2023, indicated but was not limited to the following: 1-2 Definitions 1-201 Applicability and Terms Defined 1-201.10 Statement of Application and Listing of Terms. Easily Cleanable. (1) Easily cleanable means a characteristic of a surface that: (a) Allows effective removal of soil by normal cleaning methods; (b) Is dependent on the material, design, construction, and installation of the surface; and (c) Varies with the likelihood of the surface's role in introducing pathogenic or toxigenic agents or other contaminants into food based on the surface's approved placement, purpose, and use. Smooth means: (3) A floor, wall, or ceiling having an even or level surface with no roughness or projections that render it difficult to clean. 6-201.12 Floors, Walls, and Ceilings, Utility Lines. Floors that are of smooth, durable construction and that are nonabsorbent are more easily cleaned. Requirements and restrictions regarding floor coverings, utility lines, and floor/wall junctures are intended to ensure that regular and effective cleaning is possible and that insect and rodent harborage is minimized. 6-101.11 Surface Characteristics. Floors, walls, and ceilings that are constructed of smooth and durable surface materials are more easily cleaned. Floor surfaces that are graded to drain and consist of effectively treated materials will prevent contamination of foods from dust and organisms from pooled moisture. Review of the facility's policy titled Environment from the Dining Services Policy and Procedure Manual, last revised 9/2017, indicated but was not limited to: -The Dining Services Director will ensure that the kitchen is maintained in a clean and sanitary manner, including floors, walls, ceilings, lighting, and ventilation. -The Dining Services Director will ensure that a routine cleaning schedule is in place for all cooking equipment, food storage areas, and surfaces. On the following dates and times, the surveyor observed, in the dishwashing room and in front of the 3-bay sink of the main kitchen, several missing tiles and/or partial/cracked tiles, with pooled gray colored standing water: -4/2/26 at 8:20 A.M. -4/7/26 at 11:26 A.M. -4/8/26 at 9:05 A.M. During an interview on 4/8/26 at 9:02 A.M., the Food Service Director (FSD) said he is aware of the broken/missing tiles and has entered a work request with maintenance for them to be fixed. The FSD said staff do use a dry mop after the dishes are done to clean the areas of pooled water. The FSD said the kitchen is routinely cleaned according to a schedule that is kept in a binder that staff sign off daily. The FSD said he expected the main kitchen floor to be easily cleanable with no missing or broken tiles. During an interview on 4/8/26 at 9:10 A.M., the Maintenance Director said he did not have any current open work requests for the tile floor in the main kitchen, and the tiles in the kitchen were last updated about two years ago. The Maintenance Director said he has discussed with the FSD the difficulty of replacing the tiles in this area due to the area being consistently wet and he has tried some different solutions that have failed. During an interview on 4/8/26 at 9:15 A.M., the Administrator stated he expected the tile floor of the kitchen to be in good repair, easily cleanable, and free of pooled water.		