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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 49302</p> <p>This deficiency pertains to Facility Reported Incident (FRI) #MI00144562.</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to provide adequate supervision per the plan of care for three residents (Residents #508, #509, and #510) during mealtimes. This deficient practice resulted in two choking/aspiration events for Resident #509 which resulted in hospitalization and subsequent death.</p> <p>Findings Include:</p> <p>The Immediate Jeopardy began on [DATE] at 2:40 PM when the facility failed to provide supervision during a mealtime for a resident (Resident #508) with a known history of choking/aspiration. This resulted in R508 experiencing a choking event in his room. R508 experienced a subsequent choking event on [DATE] at 6:24 PM when R508 was left unsupervised on two different occasions in the dining room during a dinner time meal and was found unresponsive. R508 required life-saving efforts and was ultimately transported to a local hospital where he later expired.</p> <p>The Nursing Home Administrator (NHA), Senior Regional NHA, and Director of Nursing (DON) were notified of the immediate jeopardy on [DATE] at 12:10 PM. At that time, a written removal plan was requested from the facility. This surveyor confirmed by interview and record review that the immediacy was removed on [DATE] at 3:35 PM, however, noncompliance remains at the potential for more than minimal harm due to sustained compliance which has not been verified by the State Agency (SA).</p> <p>Resident #508 (R508):</p> <p>Review of R508's electronic medical record (EMR) revealed admission to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including history of traumatic brain injury (TBI), dysphagia (difficulty or inability to swallow), and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).</p> <p>Review of R508's Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) assessment revealed a score of 00, indicative of severe cognitive impairment.</p> <p>Review of R508's discharge summary from the acute care hospital revealed the following:</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 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On [DATE] at 12:53 PM, a telephone interview was conducted with Nurse Practitioner (NP) P who verified she was on-call on [DATE]. NP P stated she was not notified R508 experienced seizure-activity during the choking incident on [DATE]. NP P indicated based on standards of practice she would have likely sent R508 to the hospital for further evaluation if he did not have a history of seizures.</p> <p>Review of R508's medical history did not reveal a history of seizures.</p> <p>Review of the Nursing to Physician communication binder located at the nursing station revealed the following entry on [DATE]:</p> <p>.[R508] had aspiration on food. Diet may need to be downgraded .</p> <p>Review of R508's EMR revealed a diet order change on [DATE] at 9:42 AM that read, Level 3 texture, regular fluid, thin consistency.</p> <p>Review of R508's Plan of Care revealed a revised intervention on [DATE] that read, EATING: Supervision - offer assistance with meal setup as needed. To eat in the dining room, with staff supervision.</p> <p>Review of a Diet Order/Change Form signed by Unit Manager/RN H on [DATE] revealed a checked box that read Feeding Assistance needed for R508.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 11:02 AM, an interview was conducted with Unit Manager/RN H who stated she downgraded R508's diet due to the report of the choking incident that occurred over the weekend. RN H stated, [LPN D] is a new employee and did not know how to put a diet change order in or notify the physician of a diet change which was why the change was delayed.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 11:45 PM, an interview was conducted with Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), G who stated he was made aware of R508's choking incident on the morning of [DATE] during a managerial meeting. SLP G evaluated R508 after the breakfast meal on [DATE]. SLP G stated he evaluated R508 eating a cakey textured food which he was able to physically chew but, .he wanted to eat the whole thing. He had poor safety awareness. SLP G stated he then had a discussion with Unit Manager/RN H about the diet downgrade. SLP G said, I told the nurse [Unit Manager/RN H] that [R508] needed supervision . the diet downgrade was safe, but it wasn't necessarily the intervention I would have placed. [R508]'s risk of choking wasn't due to his inability to chew a regular diet; it was his impulsivity. SLP G was asked his expectation for the meaning of supervision who stated, Eyes-on the resident and being able to provide cues or assistance. SLP G was asked if R508 could safely be left alone while consuming a meal to which he replied, No. During a follow up interview on [DATE] at 2:49 PM, SLP G reiterated, Downgrading his diet was a safe option, it did not harm him in anyway. But it's the impulsivity that's the root cause [of R508's choking risk].</p> <p>Review of SLP Evaluation and Plan of Treatment for R508, signed [DATE] read, in part:</p> <p>1.poor carryover with swallow precautions. Benefits from close supervision with all PO [by mouth] intake to promote safety and overall tolerance .</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0755</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide pharmaceutical services to meet the needs of each resident and employ or obtain the services of a licensed pharmacist.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 49302</p> <p>This deficiency pertains to Intake #MI00144052 and Facility Reported Incident (FRI) #MI00144263.</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to provide pharmaceuticals for one resident (Resident #502) of three residents reviewed for pharmacy services. This deficient practice resulted in Resident #502 going without administration of a prescribed medication for an extended period of time resulting in increased likelihood of exacerbation of symptoms.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Resident #502 (R502):</p> <p>Review of R502's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) revealed a most recent admission to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including achondroplasia (a genetic bone growth disorder that leads to short-limbed dwarfism), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), recurrent depressive disorder, adjustment disorder, anxiety disorder, and Raynaud's syndrome (a condition that causes the blood vessels in the extremities to narrow, restricting blood flow). Review of R502's Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) assessment revealed a score of 15, indicative of intact cognition.</p> <p>Review of Intake #MI00144052 read, in part:</p> <p>.Complainant [Guardian T] states [R502] didn't get her heart medication for four days. From Sunday, 4/14/24-4/18/24 . complainant states she wasn't notified of the medication issues .</p> <p>Guardian T was called on 5/13/24 at 2:06 PM and again on 5/14/24 at 8:37 AM to verify the allegation details. Guardian T did not return this surveyor's phone calls by the time of survey exit.</p> <p>On 5/24/24 at 9:32 AM, an interview was conducted with R502 who stated she went four days without the prescribed medication Nifedipine. R502 reported when she asked the nursing staff about her missing prescription, they continued to report it was due to, pharmacy issues. R502 confirmed she is prescribed Nifedipine due to her diagnosis of Raynaud's syndrome. When asked if R502 experienced any negative consequences from going without the medication, she stated, I had anxiety from going without the medication . I had some chest pain, but I'm unsure if that was from the lack of medication or from anxiety. R502 also endorsed feelings of fatigue.</p> <p>Review of R502's physician orders revealed:</p> <p>NIFEdipine Capsule 10 MG (milligrams); Give 1 capsule by mouth two times a day for Raynaud's.</p> <p>Review of R502's Medication Administration Regimen (MAR) for the month of April 2024 revealed missed administrations of Nifedipine (indicated by 9 - other/see progress note in the MAR) on the following days:</p> <p>1. 4/14/24: 8:00 PM dose.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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