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F 0755 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Provide pharmaceutical services to meet the needs of each resident and employ or obtain the services of a licensed pharmacist. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to implement an effective system for medication order transcription, laboratory monitoring, medication availability, and medication administration for 4 of 4 residents reviewed for medication errors (R1, R2, R3, R4). Failures included medication order transcription failures, missed laboratory monitoring, omitted anticoagulants and antiplatelet medications, medication availability failures, failure to implement medication order changes, and delayed medication administration. Findings include: R1: R1's Risk Watch document, incorrectly dated 2/7/26, identified on the future date of 2/19/26, the health care provider (HCP) notified the Director of Nursing (DON) an INR lab ordered for 2/16/26 had not been completed. The document further identified that a subsequent order for warfarin (blood thinning medication) was not obtained resulting in R1 missing three doses of warfarin and the facility's internal investigation process was initiated after notification by the HCP. Immediate actions included notification of the house supervisor, resident, and on-call physician, and a new order was obtained. The document further identified the facility's internal investigation process was initiated after notification by the HCP. Facility reported incident (FRI) dated 2/19/26 at 2:05 p.m., identified the health care provider (HCP) notified the Director of Nursing (DON) an International Normalized Ratio (INR) (blood test used to measure how long it takes blood to clot and whether blood thinner medication is working safely and effectively) lab ordered for 2/16/26 had not been completed. The FRI further identified a subsequent order for Warfarin was not obtained resulting in R1 missing three doses of warfarin. The document identified the facility had initiated an internal investigation regarding the medication error. Facility 5-day investigation report summary dated 2/26/26, identified review of R1's care plan, electronic medical record (EMR), medication administration record (MAR), medication orders, and medication administration policies. The report identified care plan interventions directing staff to administer medications as ordered and obtain and monitor INR labs as ordered were not followed. Interview with nurse practitioner (NP)-A identified R1 had an INR scheduled for 2/16/26; however, the results were never sent to the provider care team and NP-A was unsure whether R1 had been receiving Warfarin. Interview with LPN-A identified she missed the INR order because it was typically completed by night shift and she did not question the warfarin order because she did not realize it had been ordered on previous days. The report identified R1's INR scheduled for 2/16/26 was not obtained and warfarin was not administered until 2/19/26 when the omission was identified by the provider. The allegation was verified through review of the EMR and staff interviews identifying the INR test was not completed per provider order and care plan. Nursing leadership initiated corrective actions on 2/20/26 including staff education regarding order transcription accuracy, two-person verification, INR testing tracking, and related policies. Additional prevention interventions included review of INR competency records, refresher training, review of EMR safeguards, audits of newly transcribed orders for compliance with the two-person verification process, staff coaching and re-education for identified variances, and ongoing monitoring of order transcription and point-of-care testing competencies. Informal coaching documentation dated 2/25/26 identified LPN-A was placed on (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 0755 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	error rather than medication availability. NM-A additionally stated the facility had been experiencing ongoing issues obtaining medications from the pharmacy in a timely manner. During an interview on 5/18/26 at 2:19 p.m., Director of Nursing (DON) stated medication errors were identified by nursing staff, providers, and daily medication order reviews completed by nursing leadership. DON stated medication errors were reviewed weekly during Tuesday risk meetings with leadership and root cause analysis was completed verbally; however, findings were not formally documented. DON stated the facility identified increasing medication errors beginning in February 2026 and implemented nursing education in March 2026 regarding the medication management process from provider order through medication administration. DON further stated the facility identified transcription errors, omitted medications, and medication availability issues as ongoing concerns. DON verified the facility was not currently monitoring medication error trends and did not have data regarding medication error types. DON stated the facility did not currently document medication audits and the EHR did not have the capability to generate reports identifying missed medication doses without manually reviewing each resident's MAR/TAR. DON further stated medication errors continued after interventions were implemented and additional medication errors occurred during April 2026. DON stated more than 50 percent of registered nurses had turned over recently and medication transcription training was completed by preceptors. DON further stated competency validation was not formally completed for all education provided and March 2026 medication education consisted primarily of staff meetings and staff sign-off sheets. Further review identified the facility's corrective actions following medication errors primarily consisted of staff education and verbal reinforcement; however, the facility was unable to provide evidence of competency validation, sustained auditing, trend analysis, or effective monitoring systems to ensure physician orders were accurately transcribed, laboratory monitoring was completed, and medications were administered as ordered. Facility policy, Adverse Consequences and Medication Errors Policy, revised 8/6/24, identified the interdisciplinary team would evaluate medication usage to prevent and detect medication-related problems and adverse consequences. The policy further identified residents receiving medications with potential adverse consequences would be monitored to ensure consequences were promptly identified and reported. The policy identified Charter House would minimize adverse consequences by following clinical guidelines for medication use, administration, and monitoring. The policy further identified medication orders would be evaluated for appropriate dose, administration, and monitoring and significant medication-related errors required immediate action to protect resident safety and welfare. The policy identified significant medication-related errors and adverse consequences were to be reviewed through the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) process. Facility policy, Medication Holds Policy, revised 3/14/24, identified medication hold orders were required to include a restart date or time and hold orders without a restart date or time would be considered discontinued. The policy further identified nursing staff were required to document reasons medications were not administered within the medication administration record (MAR) and the health care provider was required to provide clear direction regarding when medications were to be restarted following a hold order		