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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Little Falls Care Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1200 First Avenue Northeast Little Falls, MN 56345	
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F 0684 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and document review, the facility failed to comprehensively assess a change in bowel status and, if needed, implement interventions to prevent complication (i.e., obstruction, discomfort) for 1 of 3 residents (R3) reviewed. R3 developed consistent loose stools on 6/20/26 which were not evaluated or assessed, and R3 then admitted to the hospital on [DATE] with a potential bowel obstruction. In addition, the facility failed to update or communicate the results of completed medical testing (i.e., lab results, urinalysis) with the primary hospice team for 1 of 3 residents (R1) reviewed. R1 had multiple laboratory tests ordered on 6/5/26; however, the rationale for testing and subsequent test results were never shared with hospice to ensure appropriate coordination of care. Findings include: BOWELS NOT ASSESSED: R3's last completed and signed Bowel and Bladder Comprehensive, dated 4/29/25, identified R3 has been occasionally incontinent of bowel and needing extensive assistance with most activities of daily living (ADLs). The assessment left several sections blank with no recorded data present and outlined at the bottom that no changes to the care plan were made. R3's most recent Bowel and Bladder Comprehensive, dated 3/26/26, identified the evaluation remained, In Progress, and was not signed as completed. The evaluation identified multiple sections to record various data points including catheter use, restorative potential, bladder observation and bowel function. However, the sections for bowel function, labeled as Bowel Observations and Bowel Program Selection, were both left blank, and no recorded data was present. R3's annual Minimum Data Set (MDS), dated [DATE], identified R3 had short and long-term memory impairment but was always continent of bowel. The MDS recorded R3 as not being on a toileting program for bowels and having no constipation present. R3's corresponding Urinary Incontinence and Indwelling Catheter Care Area Assessment (CAA) identified urinary incontinence as an actual problem which would be addressed in care planning. However, the completed CAA lacked any recorded data or review of R3's bowel status or bowel incontinence. R3's care plan, printed 6/30/26, identified R3's potential and actual problems along with interventions to address them. This outlined R3 had an activity of daily living (ADL) self-care deficit due to dementia and required assistance of two (A2) with a PAL lift for toileting and wore XL green briefs. Further, R3 had bowel incontinence and staff were to ensure he was placed on the toilet when being changed for the day, staff allowed him to sit and empty his bowels on the toilet, and staff toileted R3 every 4 hours and as needed (PRN). The section of the care plan which identified R3 as being incontinent of bowel was last updated 4/2026. R3's POC (Point of Care) Response History, dated 6/1/26 to 6/29/26, identified R3's recorded bowel movements in the EMR charting. The data recorded the size of movement along with its consistency. From 6/10/26 to 6/19/26, R3 had 15 recorded bowel movements with only four (4) recorded as loose/diarrhea. From 6/20/26 to 6/25/26, R3 had 10 bowel movements. However, now seven (7) of the ten were recorded as loose/diarrhea. R3's Medication Administration History (MAR), dated 6/2026, identified R3's provided medications for the month period. R3 was recorded as having PRN laxative medications available, such as Miralax, but there were no recorded administrations of these medications recorded for the month. R3's progress note, dated 6/25/26, identified R3's family member notified staff R3 was having a medical emergency and the nurse responded. R3 was found with a large amount of emesis on his (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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