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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 245522	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/25/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Living Meadows at Luther - Madelia		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 503 Benzel Avenue SW Madelia, MN 56062	
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F 0760 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 44630 Based on interview, and document review, the facility failed to ensure hydromorphone (opioid medication used to treat moderate to severe pain) was administered as prescribed for 1 of 1 resident (R7) reviewed for medication error. This deficient practice resulted in an immediate jeopardy (IJ) for R7 who received a hydromorphone (narcotic opioid) dose ten times greater than what was prescribed and required Narcan (used for the emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose) administration. The IJ began on 4/16/24, at approximately 9:00 a.m. when R7 was administered hydromorphone which was ten times greater than what was prescribed. R7 had to very little to no responsiveness, eyes glossy, respiratory rate 10 breaths per minute (normal 12-20 per minute), oxygen saturations varied and dropped to 87% (normal 95% or greater) on room air. The administrator, director of nursing (DON), and registered nurse (RN)-A, consultant, were notified of IJ on 4/25/24 at 9:35 a.m. The facility had implemented corrective actions on 4/17/24, therefore the deficient practice was issued as past noncompliance. Findings include: R7's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE], indicated R7 was cognitively intact, required moderate staff assistance for activities of daily living. Diagnoses included heart failure, renal failure (kidney failure), polymyalgia rheumatica (inflammatory disease which results in muscle ache and stiffness in different parts of the body), and palliative care, on a scheduled pain medication regimen, received PRN (as needed) pain medications, frequent pain, moderate pain intensity, had a condition or chronic disease that may result in a life expectancy of less than 6 months, taking an opioid medication, and hospice care. A facility reported incident to the state agency (SA) dated submitted on 4/16/24 at 1:03 p.m., indicated on 4/16/24 at 9:00 a.m., R7 was given PRN Dilaudid (hydromorphone) for pain/discomfort by licensed practical nurse (LPN)-A. Nurse (LPN-A) reported she gave 2.5 ml's (milliliters) instead of the prescribed 0.25 ml's (2.5 mg) (milligrams). R7 was given Narcan to reverse the noted adverse effect. The report further indicated R7's RR (respiratory rate) decreased to 11, became glossy eyed, staring off and unresponsive after receiving incorrect dose of Dilaudid. The report indicated nurse (LPN-A) will have a medication pass audit completed today 4/16/24, to ensure she is competent in med pass including medication rights. (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 0760 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	R7's medication administration record (MAR) dated 4/1/24-4/30/24, indicated R7 on 4/16/24 had hydromorphone 10 MG/ML liquid dose ordered: (0.25 ml) by mouth every 2 hours as needed for: pain or dyspnea. R7's Individual Narcotic Record dated 4/16/24 at 9:00 a.m., indicated LPN-A documented 0.25 ml of hydromorphone 10 mg/ml was removed. The Individual Narcotic Record dated 4/16/24 at 6:00 a.m., indicated 22.25 ml of hydromorphone remained and the next dose of hydromorphone was removed on 4/16/24 at 9:00 a.m., and 19.75 ml remained. The Individual Narcotic Record indicated 2.5 ml's of the hydromorphone was removed at 9:00 a.m. and had not received the 0.25 ml as the order identified, but instead received 2. 5ml (10 times more than prescribed). Medication Incident Report dated 4/16/24, indicated R7 received 2.5 mg of hydromorphone rather than 0.25 mg. LPN-A written documentation indicated Dilaudid order was 0.25 ml (2.5 mg) by mouth four times a day, drew up in 3 ml syringe, that was in med drawer, went to room administered oral meds first than liquid medications, FM-A and FM-B were in room. Hospice RN-B entered the room as finishing giving medication. RN-A came and wanted to know of any refills for hospice residents, and when checking at about 9:35 a.m. they discovered wrong dose given. RN-B informed both family member (FM)-A, FM-B vitals were obtained eyes fixed, very little to no responsiveness, eyes glossy. RN-B notified NP-C of the incident and NP-C ordered Narcan. The report further indicated Narcan was administered at 10:13 left nostril and 10:16 right nostril. R7 then started responding, talking to staff, eyes no longer glossy, taking sips of water, and talking with family member (FM)-A, FM-B, and RN-B. The incident report further indicated this error could have been prevented for the future: triple check completed and also only 1 ml syringes in cart most of all double check dose/med with another nurse. Adverse outcomes, glossy fixed eyes unresponsive, decreased respirations. N (skilled nursing) daily visit note dated 4/16/24, hospice RN-B indicated findings/plan of care changes R7 was in bed with FM-A at bedside and FM-B joined visit shortly after writer arrived. R7 was very soft spoken and responses delayed. R7 appeared more withdrawn during visit, confusion noted with conversation. R7 had more of a glossy stare today as well, pain 0/10. Med error found at approximately 9:50 a.m., when writer and LPN-A reviewed medication use and needed refills, it was found that 25 mg of hydromorphone was administered instead of the orders dose of 2.5 mg. At 9:53 a.m., telephone call to nurse practitioner (NP)-C to report medication error, and writer spoke to FM-A and FM-B regarding use of Narcan and family agreed with use. NP-C ordered Narcan, and Narcan was used from the facility E-Kit (emergency kit) medication box. Prior to the administration of Narcan, R7 was obtunded, not responding to writer, lips were cyanotic (bluish discoloration of the skin), and respiratory rate was 10/min (breaths per minute), oxygen saturations varied and dropped to 87% on room air, and placed supplemental oxygen at 2L/min. First Narcan administered and 10:13 a.m., and second dose administered into right nostril at 10:16 a.m., R7 remained lethargic and respirations 10/min after the first administration of Narcan. After second dose [Narcan], R7 was alert and very talkative. Writer also called the poison control hotline to report incident and to receive further guidance for symptoms to monitor due to the ingestion of high medication volume, and was indicated to monitor for respiratory depression. 12:50 p.m.-2:22 p.m., RN-B was with R7 to monitor symptoms and towards the end of visit R7's eyes were fluttering and she appeared tired, respirations were regular and even at 18 breaths per minute. NP-C ordered Narcan for use if respiratory repression were to redevelop and increased lorazepam to 0.5 mg every two hours. Writer reviewed with LPN on the evening shift to monitor R7 closely for respiratory depression, educated on use of the PRN Narcan if needed. (continued on next page)		

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