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<p>F 0550</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Honor the resident's right to a dignified existence, self-determination, communication, and to exercise his or her rights.</p> <p>43283</p> <p>Based on observations, interviews, record reviews, and facility policy review, the facility failed to honor a resident's rights to make choices regarding daily routines by not assisting a cognitively impaired resident outdoors for scheduled smoking breaks (Resident #25) and regarding bathing times (Resident Council Attendees: Res #33, #2, #51, #5, #10, #41, #31, #16, #11, and #20) for 11 of 57 residents residing in the facility.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>A review of the facility's policy, Resident's Rights Policy, dated of 3/24 revealed, Every resident in this facility has the right to .22. Use tobacco in accordance with applicable policies, rules, and laws .</p> <p>A review of the facility's policy, Dignity and Respect, dated 7/22 revealed, A facility must treat each resident with respect and dignity and care for each resident in a manner and in an environment that promotes maintenance or enhancement of his or her quality of life recognizing each resident's individuality. This facility shall protect and promote the rights of the resident. 1. Facility staff shall display respect when .caring for . residents, as constant affirmation of their individuality and dignity as human beings. 2. Each resident of the facility has the right to a dignified existence. 3. All residents should have autonomy of choice .4. Schedules of daily activities allow flexibility for residents to exercise choice about what they will do and when they will do it. Resident's individual preferences regarding such things as . activities, friendships . will be elicited and respected by the facility, and efforts will be made to accommodate these wishes .5. Residents will be .treated in a manner that maintains bodily privacy. A closed door and/or drawn cubicle curtain should be utilized to maximize the privacy of each resident while rendering care .</p> <p>A review of the facility's policy, Bathing dated 01/24 revealed, Purpose To ensure resident comfort and dignity .Processes Inquire with the resident concerning bathing preferences, (e.g., time of day, type of bathing, shower, bed bath, etc.). Offer the resident choice in their bathing routine .</p> <p>Choices (Smoking)</p> <p>A record review of the Care Plan Item/Task Listing Report dated 5/2/25 revealed a total of eighteen (18) residents that smoke, including Resident #25.</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 0550</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 5/5/25 at 12:13 PM, during an observation and interview, Resident #25 was observed up in her wheelchair in her room. She explained that she had been at the facility for a couple of years and typically went out to smoke a couple of times a day. She stated she had smoked for most of her life. Other residents were observed heading out to the designated smoking area, but Resident #25 remained in her room.</p> <p>On 5/5/25 at 12:30 PM, during an observation, Resident #25 remained in her room watching television, while other residents were observed returning from the smoking area.</p> <p>On 5/5/25 at 12:45 PM, during an observation and interview, no residents or staff were observed outdoors at the smoking area. Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) #2 explained that the smoke break had been changed to 12:00 or 12:30 PM and had already occurred. She stated that housekeeping was responsible for taking residents out for the morning and noon breaks. She confirmed that Resident #25 still smoked but would sometimes forget to go, and if the staff remembered, they would take her; otherwise, it was overlooked. She confirmed she did not take Resident #25 out to smoke that day.</p> <p>On 5/6/25 at 12:40 PM, during an observation and interview, Resident #25 was sitting in her room watching television and stated she had not been out to smoke that day and that no one had come to get her or inform her of the smoking times.</p> <p>On 5/6/25 at 1:00 PM, during an interview with CNA #3, she explained that she tries to get Resident #25 for smoke breaks if she is in her room. She reported that the resident had still been in the dining room during the smoke break and confirmed she did not take her out that day.</p> <p>On 5/6/25 at 1:25 PM, during an interview with Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) #1, she explained that Resident #25 is very forgetful and does not always remember to go out to smoke. She did not know if the resident had gone out that day. She reported that staff sometimes reminded her and assisted her outdoors but acknowledged this did not happen every day. She explained the facility typically has four smoke breaks per day and that the mid-day break had been changed from 1:00 PM to either 12:00 or 12:30 PM. She stated that housekeeping staff took the residents out, but they did not retrieve them individually; rather, the residents would line up in the hallway after lunch.</p> <p>On 05/08/25 at 09:00 AM, during an interview, Resident #25 reported she has not been outside to smoke today.</p> <p>On 05/08/25 at 10:50 AM, during an interview with Housekeeping/Maintenance #1, he reported he did smoke break this morning for the residents and confirmed that Resident #25 was not at the smoke break this morning.</p> <p>On 5/8/25 at 2:00 PM, during an interview with the Director of Nursing (DON), she confirmed that Resident #25 was a smoker and was not being reminded daily or consistently assisted out for smoke breaks. She stated she expected staff to honor the residents' right and ensure that cognitively impaired residents are informed of and assisted with smoking times.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0550</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 5/8/25 at 2:20 PM, during an interview with the Administrator, she confirmed that Resident #25 was a smoker and often forgot about smoke breaks. She stated that the resident's family occasionally came to take her out to smoke but was unaware that staff were not informing or assisting the resident. She confirmed there were no posted smoke break times in the facility and stated she expected staff to assist cognitively impaired residents with smoking if they wished to do so.</p> <p>A record review of the Admission Record revealed the facility admitted Resident #25 on 3/10/23 with current diagnoses including Alzheimer's Disease.</p> <p>A record review of Resident #25's Quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) of 3/10/25 revealed she had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 6, which indicated her cognition was severely impaired.</p> <p>Choices and Privacy (Bathing)</p> <p>A record review of the Resident Council Minutes dated April 2025 revealed the residents complained about the bath schedules, not knowing when they are scheduled.</p> <p>On 05/05/25 at 3:00 PM, during a meeting with the Resident Council, ten (10) residents were present, each with a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score averaging 14, indicating cognitively intact status. The residents expressed multiple concerns regarding shower practices. Several residents reported they were not informed in advance of their scheduled shower days and were frequently awakened as early as 5:00 AM for bathing. While some residents preferred early showers, others stated they would rather bathe in the afternoon but were told that if they did not shower between 5:00 AM and 1:00 PM, they would not receive a shower that day. Residents also raised concerns regarding a lack of privacy in the shower room. They reported being bathed simultaneously with another resident-one in the whirlpool and one in the shower stall-without the privacy curtain being drawn. After their showers, residents stated they were pulled into the middle of the shower room floor to be dried off and dressed, exposing their bodies to the other resident. Additionally, staff were entering and exiting the shower room and conversing with the bathing staff, often leaving the door open and privacy curtain not pulled, resulting in potential exposure to the hallway.</p> <p>On 05/06/25 at 11:43 AM, during an interview with Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) #1, she stated she serves as the designated shower aide and is scheduled to work Monday through Friday from 5:00 AM to 1:00 PM. She added that she occasionally works on the floor during weekends when the facility is short-staffed. CNA #1 explained that resident showers are routinely provided between 5:00 AM and 1:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, and are not scheduled during the afternoon or evening. She acknowledged that some residents have voiced complaints about receiving showers so early in the morning but stated that all showers are scheduled during that time frame because that is when staff are available. CNA #1 also stated that because the residents were the same sex she didn't think it was a problem for them to take showers at the same time.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0561</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Honor the resident's right to and the facility must promote and facilitate resident self-determination through support of resident choice.</p> <p>50921</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, record review, and facility policy review, the facility failed to honor a resident's food preferences and provide a menu alternative for one (1) of sixteen (16) sampled residents. Resident #30.</p> <p>Findings Included:</p> <p>A review of the facility's policy, Dignity and Respect, dated 7/2022 revealed, A facility must treat each resident with dignity and respect and care for each resident in a manner and in an environment that promotes maintenance or enhancement of his or her quality of life recognizing each resident's individuality . 4 . Residents' individual preferences regarding such things as menus . will be elicited and respected by the facility, and efforts will be made to accommodate these wishes .</p> <p>A review of the facility's policy, Alternate Food for Food Preferences, dated 5/2018 revealed, Substitutes of similar nutritive value are offered to residents who refuse food served . 7. The nursing assistant, on observing that a resident is refusing a food, offers the alternate food to the resident .</p> <p>On 5/5/25 at 11:04 AM, during an interview and observation, Resident #30 explained that he did not eat chicken, but the facility continued to serve it to him. He reported he had informed Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs), but his food tray continued to include chicken.</p> <p>In an interview and observation on 5/5/25 at 11:54 AM, Resident #30 was observed from the hallway sitting upright in a chair in his room as CNA #1 brought in his tray. The meal consisted of chicken and dumplings, fried okra, and a roll. The resident told CNA #1 that he did not eat chicken however, CNA #1 did not offer an alternate meal and placed the tray on the bedside table before entering the hallway. The State Agency (SA) asked CNA #1 what the resident had for lunch and CNA #1 and SA returned to the resident's room. The resident again stated he did not eat chicken. CNA #1 stated she was unsure what was on the menu as the alternate meal for the day.</p> <p>On 5/6/25 at 1:47 PM, during an interview with the Dietary Manager, she revealed she had been made aware of Resident #30's food preference on 5/2/25 but had forgotten to input the information into the meal ticket system. She explained that residents are typically asked about food preferences upon admission. She reported that the resident's dislike for chicken was now added to his meal ticket and that CNA #1 had notified her of the issue.</p> <p>A record review of the Admission Record revealed the facility admitted Resident #30 on 4/10/25 with diagnoses including Fracture of Shaft of Humerus, Left Arm.</p> <p>A record review of the Comprehensive Minimum Data Set (MDS) with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) of 4/17/25 revealed Resident #30 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 15, which indicated he was cognitively intact.</p>		

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<p>F 0584</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Honor the resident's right to a safe, clean, comfortable and homelike environment, including but not limited to receiving treatment and supports for daily living safely.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 43283</p> <p>Based on observation, interviews, record review, and facility policy review, the facility failed to ensure the residents' right to a safe, clean, comfortable, and homelike environment by not maintaining appropriate and comfortable water temperatures in resident rooms on three (3) of three (3) resident halls, affecting all 57 residents residing in the facility.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>A review of the facility's policy, Resident Environment, dated 9/15, revealed, It is the policy of this facility to provide a safe, clean, comfortable, and homelike environment .</p> <p>Resident #21</p> <p>On 5/5/25 at 11:53 AM, during an observation, the hot water in Resident #21's bathroom (room [ROOM NUMBER]) reached a lukewarm temperature after a few minutes but never became hot.</p> <p>On 5/6/25 at 1:00 PM, during an interview with Resident #21, he explained the hot water in his bathroom never gets hot and he must wash his face with cold water every day. He stated he had told everyone about the issue, but nothing had been done. He added that even after running the water for a long time, it would only get warm.</p> <p>A record review of Resident #21's Admission Record revealed the facility admitted the resident on 4/10/2024 with current diagnoses including Vascular Dementia.</p> <p>A record review of the 5-Day Assessment Minimum Data Set (MDS) with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) of 4/2/25 revealed Resident #21 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 13, which indicated the resident was cognitively intact.</p> <p>Resident #56</p> <p>On 5/5/25 at 12:00 PM, during an observation, the hot water in the bathroom of Resident #56's room (room [ROOM NUMBER]) only became warm after three (3) minutes and never reached a hot, comfortable temperature.</p> <p>A record review of Resident #56's Admission Record revealed the facility admitted the resident on 1/30/25 with the diagnoses including Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis.</p> <p>A record review of Resident #56's Admission MDS with an ARD of 2/6/25 revealed a BIMS score of 15, which indicated the resident was cognitively intact.</p> <p>Resident #12</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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<p>F 0584</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>On 5/5/25 at 12:05 PM, during an observation and interview with Resident #12 she reported the bathroom water has never been hot and only gets lukewarm. The State Agency (SA) observed the hot water running in the bathroom (room [ROOM NUMBER]) for over two (2) minutes, and the water never got hot.</p> <p>A record review of Resident #12's Admission Record revealed the facility admitted the resident on 12/6/21 with current diagnoses including Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus.</p> <p>A record review of Resident #12's Comprehensive MDS with an ARD of 3/10/25 revealed a BIMS score of 15, which indicated the resident was cognitively intact.</p> <p>On 5/5/25 at 12:13 PM, during an observation of the hall (Rooms 213-224), the hot water in both sinks and showers throughout the hall was lukewarm.</p> <p>Residents #29 and #42</p> <p>On 5/5/25 at 12:20 PM, during an interview with Residents #29 and #42, both residents reported the water in their rooms had been lukewarm for a long time. They stated they had reported the issue to nursing and maintenance staff, but no action had been taken.</p> <p>A record review of Resident #29's Admission Record revealed the facility admitted the resident on 9/5/24 with current diagnoses including Atrial Fibrillation.</p> <p>A record review of Resident #29's Quarterly MDS with an ARD of 4/1/25 revealed a BIMS score of 11, indicating the resident's cognition was moderately impaired.</p> <p>A record review of Resident #42's Admission Record revealed the resident was admitted on [DATE] with current diagnoses including Parkinson's Disease.</p> <p>A record review of Resident #42's Quarterly MDS with an ARD of 3/17/25 revealed a BIMS score of 11, which indicated the resident's cognition was moderately impaired.</p> <p>On 5/5/25 at 1:00 PM, during an observation of the visitor bathroom in the center of the building, the hot water did not become hot after running for over two (2) minutes.</p> <p>On 5/5/25 at 3:00 PM, during a Resident Council meeting, council members stated they had complained multiple times about the lack of hot water in their bathrooms and showers to Administration, Activities, and Maintenance, but no corrective actions had been taken.</p> <p>Resident #22</p> <p>On 5/6/25 at 12:20 PM, during an observation of Rooms 201-209, the SA allowed the hot water to run for one (1) minute in each bathroom sink, and the water remained lukewarm. During an interview with Resident #22 in room [ROOM NUMBER], he confirmed the hot water in the sink only gets warm after one (1) to two (2) minutes but never gets hot.</p> <p>A record review of Resident #22's Admission Record revealed the facility admitted the resident on 8/8/17 with current diagnoses including Pulmonary Hypertension.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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