STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED
	255168	A. Building B. Wing	02/19/2026

NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER	STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
Merit Health Wesley	5001 Hardy Street Hattiesburg, MS 39402

For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.

(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (Each deficiency must be preceded by full regulatory or LSC identifying information)
F 0550 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Honor the resident's right to a dignified existence, self-determination, communication, and to exercise his or her rights. Based on observation, interview, record review, and facility policy review, the facility failed to ensure Resident #37's right to dignity by leaving the resident's urinary catheter drainage bag uncovered and visible for one (1) of (13) sampled residents.Findings include:A review of the facility's policy, Resident Rights, published 2/18/26, revealed, .Each resident has the right to be treated with dignity and respect.Policy Interpretation and Implementation.1. The resident has the right to have a dignified existence.9. Refraining from practices demeaning to residents such as leaving urinary catheter bags uncovered.On 2/17/26 at 8:50 PM, during an observation, Resident #37's urinary catheter drainage bag was hanging uncovered on the side of the bed. The bag was positioned in a manner that made it visible when the resident's room door was opened. No privacy bag was in place.On 2/17/26 at 8:55 PM, during an observation and interview with Registered Nurse (RN) #1, the uncovered catheter drainage bag was observed. RN #1 confirmed the drainage bag should have been covered with a privacy bag.On 2/19/26 at 11:26 AM, during an interview, the Director of Nursing (DON) stated staff are expected to keep catheter drainage bags covered to maintain resident privacy and dignity. The DON reported she did not recall whether a recent in-service specifically addressed catheter bag coverage but stated education is provided.On 2/19/26 at 12:30 PM, during an interview, the Administrator stated staff are aware catheter drainage bags are to be covered. He reported privacy bags are readily available in supply areas and stated his expectation is for staff to keep catheter drainage bags covered to maintain resident dignity.A record review of the Patient Registration Form revealed the facility admitted Resident #37 on 2/12/26 with diagnoses including Emphysematous Cystitis.A record review of the Comprehensive Minimum Data Set (MDS) with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) of 2/18/26 revealed Resident #37 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of seven (7), which indicated the resident's cognition was severely impaired.A record review of the facility's Assessment/Plans revealed Resident #37 had a Foley (type of indwelling catheter) catheter in place and was evaluated by urology, who recommended continued catheter drainage.

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.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE