

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  265185	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  06/27/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  Life Care Center of Cape Girardeau		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  365 South Broadview Street Cape Girardeau, MO 63703	
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<p>F 0678</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide basic life support, including CPR, prior to the arrival of emergency medical personnel , subject to physician orders and the resident's advance directives.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure an accurate and consistent system was in place to direct staff when to initiate basic life support for one resident (Resident #1), when on [DATE] at around 10:25 P.M., staff entered the resident's room and found the resident unresponsive with no respirations. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR - a procedure performed usually involving chest compressions and assisted breathing to revive a person's life) was initiated by facility staff with notification to emergency medical services (EMS) and hospice services. The resident's facility medical record showed a full code status order was entered on [DATE], without any documentation of the resident's wishes or consent for a full code status. The resident's hospice record located in the facility showed the resident's consent and an order for do not resuscitate (DNR) on [DATE], with documentation of the conversation for the DNR as per the resident's choice. The facility census was 92.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 4:25 P.M., the Director of Nursing (DON) was notified of the immediate jeopardy (IJ) which began on [DATE]. The IJ was removed on [DATE], as confirmed by surveyor onsite verification.</p> <p>Review of the facility's policy titled, Advance Directives and Advance Care Planning, dated [DATE], showed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Residents have the right to self-determination regarding their medical care. This includes the right of an individual to direct his or her own medical treatment, including the right to execute or refuse to execute an advance directive;</li> <li>- It is required that the patient is asked about advanced directives, and to document any wishes the patient might have with regard to the care they want or do not want;</li> <li>- The facility is not relieved of its obligation to provide this information to the individual once he/she is able to receive such information. Follow-up procedures must be in place to provide the information to the individual directly at the appropriate time;</li> <li>- Do Not Resuscitate order -A medical order issued by a physician or other authorized non-physician practitioner that directs healthcare providers not to administer CPR in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest. Existence of an advance directive does not imply that a resident has a DNR order. The medical record must show evidence of documented discussions leading to a DNR order;</li> </ul> <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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