

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  265736	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  12/10/2024
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<p>F 0657</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Develop the complete care plan within 7 days of the comprehensive assessment; and prepared, reviewed, and revised by a team of health professionals.</p> <p>46970</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure resident care plans reflected current needs when staff failed to include speech therapy recommended choking strategies for one resident with a history of choking (Resident #1). The sample was five and issues were found with one. The census was 81.</p> <p>Review of the facility's Baseline Plan of Care policy, last revised 08/2017, showed:</p> <p>-The baseline care plan must reflect the resident's stated goals and objectives and include interventions that address his or her current needs. Because the baseline care plan documents the interim approaches for meeting the resident's immediate needs, professional standards of quality care would dictate that it must also reflect changes to approaches, as necessary. Facility staff must implement the interventions to assist the resident to achieve care plan goals and objective;</p> <p>-If the comprehensive assessment and comprehensive care plan identified a change in the resident's goals, or physical, mental, or psychosocial functioning, which are not identified in the baseline care plan, those changes must be incorporated into an update summary provided to the resident and his or her representative;</p> <p>-Additional changes will be made to the comprehensive care plan based on the assessed needs of the resident, however, these subsequent changes will not need to be reflected in the summary of the baseline care plan.</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS), a federally mandated assessment instrument completed by facility staff, dated 9/17/24, showed:</p> <p>-Severe cognitive impairment;</p> <p>-Diagnoses included: anxiety disorder (intense, excessive, and persistent worry and fear about everyday situations), aphasia (a language disorder that affects a person's ability to speak), stroke, Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA, a brief episode of stroke-like symptoms that occurs when blood flow to the brain is temporarily cut off);</p> <p>-Coughing or choking during meals or when swallowing medications, mechanically altered diet, and therapeutic diet.</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 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Review of the resident's ST notes, dated [DATE], showed resident challenged with safe swallowing compensatory strategies and ST discussed safety risks associated with aspiration/choking, etc. Resident stated, I need to slow down. Nursing and nursing aides on unit are aware of resident complex needs and cues needed regarding rate of intake and amount of meal consumed when discussed. Resident followed compensatory strategies with 60% accuracy independently and 100% with moderate/maximum verbal cues.</p> <p>Review of the resident's progress notes, showed:</p> <p>-[DATE] at 12:43 P.M., resident eats very fast and does not chew food up. Gulps liquids. He/She has to be redirected frequently at meals. New order per physician for speech to evaluate and treat as needed;</p> <p>-[DATE] at 1:25 P.M., resident is a mechanical soft diet. Received whole slice of pizza for lunch meal and began to choke on pizza. Most of pizza cut up for resident to eat. New order added to diet for no bread. Diet slip made out and given to dietary staff.</p> <p>Review of the care plan, showed staff did not address the resident's choking incident on [DATE].</p> <p>Review of a ST note, dated [DATE], showed resident was reported to have had increased difficulty consuming pizza over the weekend, additional choking episode. Resident orders are mechanical soft without bread. ST to continue monitoring for signs and symptoms of aspiration/choking of mechanical soft. Resident may need downgrade to puree. Continue with plan of care.</p> <p>Review of the ST discharge recommendations, dated [DATE], included:</p> <p>-Supervision: Close supervision;</p> <p>-Recommendations: To facilitate optimal cognitive-communicative performance, the following strategies are recommended: Training in use of concrete, one step directions by speaker to increase comprehension;</p> <p>-Solids: Soft/Ground/Chopped textures;</p> <p>-Strategies: To facilitate safety and efficiency, it is recommended the resident use the following strategies and/or maneuvers during oral intake: General swallow techniques/precautions, bolus size modifications, rate modification and alternation of liquids/solids upright posture during meals.</p> <p>Review of the resident's care plan, showed staff did not address any of the ST discharge recommendations.</p> <p>Review of the resident's progress notes, showed:</p> <p>-[DATE], at 12:36 P.M., the resident has been on a regular mechanical soft diet with thin liquids. He/She had a choking incident on [DATE] on a bread stick, another choking incident on chopped pizza;</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During interviews on [DATE] at 1:28 P.M. and [DATE] at 9:04 A.M., the Speech Therapist said she knew the resident. He/She was on a mechanical soft diet, nectar thick liquids, and no bread. She said the resident wasn't compliant with his/her diet. The resident coughed when he/she ate things outside of his/her diet and would aspirate as well. Mechanical soft was the most appropriate diet for the resident. The resident had a history of choking. She talked to the nurses and aides about the resident needing extra help with feeding. She would sit with the resident at the assist table, cue him/her to slow down. As she was providing cues, she would educate staff at that time. Nursing provided staff with their own education, from a nursing standpoint. She defined close supervision as being arm's length away. She expected staff to be arm's length away from the resident when eating. A staff member would need to be with him/her. The resident needed to be at the assist table and couldn't be at a table without staff. If the resident was seated at the assist table, there would have been someone sitting at the table with him/her during the meal. She didn't know the resident sat at a separate table to keep him/her from taking food from other residents' plates. She said she remembered him/her choking on a breadstick and he/she sometimes took food from other residents' plates. After the breadstick choking incident, she talked to the kitchen staff about what was appropriate for mechanical soft diet. She wasn't aware the resident had gotten a whole slice of pizza. She said pizza was appropriate for mechanical soft diet, because it had sauce on it, but should have been cut up into bite sizes. The resident had swallowing issue, but he/she could chew. The resident needed a lot of cues to slow down at meals. She said the resident was impulsive and would wheel himself/herself up to other residents' trays and take their food. The Speech Therapist said staff had to make sure the resident's food was cut up appropriately, the resident was to be under supervision and was not allowed to eat in his/her room. Broccoli was acceptable for mechanical soft diet as long as it was the right size and right consistency of softness. She was told kitchen staff would get specific training on diets by someone to show what appropriate consistency, right size, right texture, and how to thicken liquids. The training the kitchen staff received would be passed on to the nursing staff so they could recognize when residents were not getting appropriate food texture, size, and/or consistency of food.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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