

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 275044	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/21/2024
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<p>F 0656</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Develop and implement a complete care plan that meets all the resident's needs, with timetables and actions that can be measured.</p> <p>32998</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, it was identified the facility staff were aware of a resident's wound status, and use of a mechanical lift, but failed to develop a care plan problem, goals, or interventions for the prevention of the pressure ulcer to her right heel and back, for 1 (#15); and failed to develop a care plan for pain management for a resident who had pain during wound care, for 1 (#6) out of 5 sampled residents. Findings include:</p> <p>1. During an interview on 5/20/24 at 8:54 a.m., NF2 stated it appeared like resident #15 was developing more wounds after admission to the facility, and the wounds were not showing improvement.</p> <p>During an interview on 5/20/24 at 9:53 a.m., resident #15 stated she had gotten a skin tear on her back, from the hoier (mechanical) lift sling, as staff pulled the sling out from under her, rather than use the proper process for removal. The tear was caused by pulling the sling out from under her, rather than rolling her from side to side, to remove the sling. Resident #15 stated the skin tear progressed to a Stage III pressure ulcer. Resident #15 stated she had started going to the wound clinic on 5/15/24. Resident #15 stated staff at the facility was no longer doing her wound care. NF1 was now doing dressing changes per physician orders.</p> <p>Review of resident #15's Braden Scale for Predicting Pressure Sore Risk, dated 3/13/24, showed the resident was at risk for developing pressure ulcers.</p> <p>Review of resident #15's care plan, dated 3/13/24, failed to show problems, goals and interventions for the prevention of pressure ulcers or interventions for the pressure ulcer to her right heel and back.</p> <p>Refer to F686-Treatment Services to Prevent Pressure Ulcers, for more information on resident #15's wounds.</p> <p>2. During an interview on 5/20/24 at 1:45 p.m., staff member F stated pain medication was to be administered prior to dressing changes, if the resident complained about pain during dressing changes.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's progress notes, dated 3/3/24 through 5/10/24, showed the resident complained of pain to the wound during dressing changes.</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 0656</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Review of resident #6's MAR, dated 3/1/24 through 5/31/24, showed pain medication was ordered every six hours as needed for pain. The documentation was unclear whether the resident was given pain medication prior to the wound dressing changes.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's care plan, dated 4/29/24, failed to show interventions for pain related to the wound and wound care.</p>		

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<p>F 0658</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Ensure services provided by the nursing facility meet professional standards of quality.</p> <p>32998</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, licensed nursing and certified staff failed to follow standards of practice for wound care, for 1 (#6) of 5 sampled residents; Resident #6 developed a pressure ulcer which deteriorated to a Stage IV. It was identified physician orders for treatments were not followed multiple times, over multiple shifts, and on multiple days. Findings include:</p> <p>During an interview on 5/20/24 at 1:30 p.m., staff member D, a certified staff member, stated pressure relieving interventions included turning and repositioning, putting a cushion in their (for a resident with wound) wheel chair, and a different mattress on their bed for pressure relief. Staff member D stated if there was a change in a resident wound appearance, or if there was a new wound, it would be reported to the nurse right away.</p> <p>During an interview on 5/20/24 at 1:40 p.m., staff member E, a certified staff member, stated resident's with wounds were to be turned and repositioned every two hours. Staff member E stated changes in resident's skin would be reported to the nurse right away so it can be assessed.</p> <p>During an interview on 5/20/24 at 1:45 p.m., staff member F, a licensed clinical staff member, stated residents with wounds were to be turned and repositioned every two hours, or as ordered, and to off load pressure areas when in bed, heel protectors were to be worn at all times, and wound assessments completed as ordered.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's admission Skin Inspection and Admission Clinical Evaluation, dated 2/6/24, showed the resident's skin was intact with pink on the pannus and sacrum.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's Progress Note, dated 2/6/24, showed the resident had a Braden score of 12, and she was at high risk for developing pressure ulcers.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's skin/nursing progress notes, dated 2/6/24 through 5/20/24, showed the resident went from intact skin to a Stage IV pressure ulcer by 3/13/24. It was identified, that although staff were able to verbalize beneficial standards of practice for wound prevention, these practices were not followed for #6.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's Wound Care Notes, Nursing Progress Notes, and Wound Clinic Documentation, dated 2/6/24 through 5/17/24, showed there were 17 missed dressings changes, and there were no dressings on the wound when the resident arrived at the wound clinic on 5/3/24 and 5/10/24. Staff failed to follow standards of practice for wound care treatment and prevention, as show by the following:</p> <p>Review of resident #6's physician orders from the wound clinic showed missed dressing changes on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2/16/24 dressing changes were to be done daily. There were six missing days with dressing changes to complete. - 3/1/24 dressing changes were to be done every other day. There was one missed dressing change to complete. <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0658</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>- 3/15/24 dressing changes were to be done three times weekly, with the facility doing changes on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the wound clinic doing a dressing change on Fridays. The resident had a wound vac in place. There were four missed dressing changes.</p> <p>- 3/29/24 dressing changes were to be done daily. The wound vac had been discontinued. There were four missed dressing changes.</p> <p>- 4/5/29 dressing changes were to done three times per week. The facility was to do the dressing changes on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the wound clinic was to do the dressing changes on Fridays. There were three missed dressing changes.</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate pressure ulcer care and prevent new ulcers from developing.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 32998</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure 2 (#s 6 and 15) of 4 sampled residents did not develop a new pressure ulcer or have worsening of pressure ulcers. Outcomes included: Resident #6 developed a sacral pressure ulcer in eight days, which worsened to a Stage IV, the pressure ulcer was avoidable, and the resident had pain from the wound. The staff failed to identify, report, and assess the skin as necessary, failed to develop and implement interventions to reduce skin pressure timely, and failed to complete dressing changes as ordered once the wound developed, for #6. For resident #15, the resident developed a Stage III pressure ulcer resulting from a skin tear caused during the provision of care. The facility failed to develop and implement pressure ulcer prevention strategies staff failed to follow physician orders for wound care. Findings include:</p> <p>1. During an interview on 5/20/24 at 1:30 p.m., staff member D stated pressure relieving interventions included turning and repositioning, placing a cushion in their (resident's) wheelchair, and a the resident having a different mattress.</p> <p>During an interview on 5/20/24 at 1:40 p.m., staff member E stated residents with wounds were to be turned and repositioned every two hours. Staff member E stated changes in a resident's skin would be reported to the nurse right away, so the skin could be assessed.</p> <p>During an interview on 5/20/24 at 1:45 p.m., staff member F stated residents with wounds were to be turned and repositioned every two hours, or as ordered, they were to off load pressure areas (to skin) when the resident was in bed, place heel protectors at all times, and complete wound assessments as ordered.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's admission Skin Inspection and Admission Clinical Evaluation, dated 2/6/24, showed the resident's skin was intact with pink areas on the pannus and sacrum areas.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's Progress note, dated 2/6/24, showed the resident was at high risk for developing pressure ulcers with a score of 12.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's progress notes, dated 2/6/24 to 5/20/24, showed the resident started on admission with intact skin, and then developed a Stage III pressure ulcer. The progress notes showed a progression from a Stage III to a Stage IV from 2/14/24 to 3/13/24.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's Wound Care Notes, Nursing Progress Notes, and Wound Clinic Documentation, dated 2/6/24 through 5/17/24, showed 17 missed dressing changes. The resident went to the wound clinic two times without a dressing on the wound.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's Nursing Progress Notes, for wound care from 2/15/24 to 5/15/24 showed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2/6/24 skin intact with pink areas to the pannus and sacrum - 2/13/24 dressing on buttocks intact <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>- 2/14/24 nursing alerted to worsening wound to left buttock by the CNA and PT. Large open area noted to left buttock approximately 7.0 cm x 5.3 cm. Current wound orders to apply barrier cream to sacrum two times daily. Provider notified.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's physician orders, dated 2/16/24, showed dressings changes were to be done daily. There were six days with missed dressing changes. The dressings were changed on 2/18/24, 2/23/24, 2/26/24, and on 3/1/24 the dressing was changed and the Weekly Pressure Ulcer Report showed it was a Stage III severity.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's physician orders from the wound clinic, dated 3/1/24, showed the resident was to have dressing changes every other day. There was one dressing change missed. The documentation showed:</p> <p>- 3/3/24; Large amount of tan/red odorous drainage noted on old dressing. Resident reported the area was very sore.</p> <p>- 3/5/24 at 4:31 a.m.; There was old dressing saturated with tan and bloody very foul-smelling discharge. Wound bed has clump of tan slough tissue that appears to be loosening off of wound bed. Tolerated dressing change, reported the area is very painful.</p> <p>- 3/5/24 at 5:05 p.m., wound care was provided three times as resident was wet, and dressing was soiled.</p> <p>- 3/7/24 - Pressure injury to buttocks is very painful and increasing in depth.</p> <p>- 3/12/24 through 3/28/24 - A wound vac was in place on the resident's coccyx</p> <p>- 3/15/24 - The resident was to have the wound vac changed three times weekly. There were four missed dressing changes.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's physician orders from the wound clinic showed:</p> <p>- 3/22/24 - Continue the wound vac and keep it set at 125mm/hg pressure and dressing changes were to be done three times weekly.</p> <p>- On 3/29/24 the wound vac was discontinued.</p> <p>- 3/29/24 - The resident was to have daily dressing changes. There were four missed dressing changes. The facility progress notes showed:</p> <p>- 4/1/24 - Wound showed signs of improvement.</p> <p>- 4/8/24 at 4:18 a.m. wound vac in place. At 6:54 a.m. wound vac on hold.</p> <p>- 4/29/24 - Readmission to the facility, as she was transferred to ER after a fall.</p> <p>- 4/29/24 through 5/2/24 dressing changed per orders</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>- 5/3/24 and 5/10/24 no dressing on wound on arrival to the wound clinic. The resident was yelling out in pain.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's physician orders from the wound clinic, dated 4/5/24, showed dressings were to be done three times weekly with the facility doing dressing changes on Mondays and Wednesdays. There were three missed dressing changes following the receipt of the orders.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's wound care notes showed the following:</p> <p>- 2/14/24 Stage III pressure ulcer measured 7 cm x 5.31 cm. Alerted to change by PT and CNA. Resident reports significant pain.</p> <p>- 2/21/24 Stage III pressure ulcer on sacrococcygeal area. Measured 7.62 cm x 5.86 cm.</p> <p>Dressing changes daily with wound clinic one time per week</p> <p>- 2/29/24 Stage III pressure ulcer, no measurements. Large amount of slough in wound bed made it difficult to assess and measure.</p> <p>- 3/7/24 Stage III. Measured 5.97 cm x 3.94 cm.</p> <p>- 3/13/24 Stage IV. Measured 6.13 cm x 4.36 cm.</p> <p>- 3/20/24 Stage IV. Measured 6.03 cm x 4.89 cm. Wound vac in place.</p> <p>- 3/27/24 Stage IV. Measured 4.84 cm x 3.8 cm.</p> <p>- 4/3/24 Stage IV. Measured 4.66 cm x 3.96 cm.</p> <p>- 4/10/24 Stage IV. Measured 3.69 cm x 2.22 cm.</p> <p>- 4/18/24 Stage IV. Measured 4.17 cm x 3.02 cm.</p> <p>- 4/30/24 Stage IV. Measured 3.1 cm x 2.32 cm.</p> <p>- 5/8/24 Stage IV. Measured 2.56 cm x 1.99 cm.</p> <p>- 5/15/24 Stage IV. Measured 4.37 cm x 1.55 cm.</p> <p>Review of the Wound Clinic documentation showed the following:</p> <p>- 2/16/24 Stage III pressure ulcer of the sacral region. Date acquired 1/24/24. It is unclear when the pressure ulcer developed or what treatment the resident had received thus far. Review of the nursing home H&P did not indicate the resident had a pressure ulcer on admission. The wound measured 6.1 cm x 5 cm x 0.1 cm depth. There was a large amount of serosanguineous drainage noted. The physician noted the wound was a fairly large and devastating pressure injury. I diagnosed at least Stage III.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>- 2/23/24 Stage III pressure ulcer of sacral region. Patient wound is worse. Concerns of infection are noted. Wound measurements were 5.4 cm x 5 cm x 0.1 cm depth.</p> <p>- 3/1/24 Stage III pressure ulcer on the left gluteus. Wound showed progress.</p> <p>- 3/8/24 Stage III pressure ulcer of sacral region. Pre debridement measurements were 5.2 cm x 4.7 cm x 4 cm depth and post debridement measurements were 4.7 cm x 4.7 cm x 4 cm depth. Post debridement noted as Stage IV. Wound was making progress and had some tunneling.</p> <p>- 3/15/24 Measurements were 5.2 cm x 5 cm x 2.8 cm depth. Stage IV pressure ulcer. Patient continues with some depth and undermining to this wound. The depth has improved; however, it does have some twists and turns in deeper area. Continue with wound vac.</p> <p>- 3/22/24 wound vac in place. Facility nursing removed a white foam from the tunnel area, which was not on the original orders for the wound vac. The white foam was covered with a small piece of black foam which extended onto the right buttock, and the right side now showed breakdown with texture potentially from the wound vac sponge. Facility nursing reported a foul odor when the wound vac sponge was removed. Stage IV pressure ulcer and measured 4.4 cm x 4.3 cm x 2.8 cm depth. There is muscle and fat layer visible with undermining noted.</p> <p>- 3/29/24 Ordered for a break in the wound vac. Wound measured 5 cm x 4.1 cm x 2.8 cm. Stage IV. There was a foul odor following cleansing. Patient's wound has again worsened this week. She has also not yet started her antibiotics. She has a wound vac on which appears to be doing more harm at this point related to malposition of the vac sponge during dressing changes or movement of the sponge after it was placed. She also has a positive wound culture result, not currently on antibiotics, placing her in unnecessary danger by this intervention. Wound cultures had been reviewed by the provider, and the resident was to be on an antibiotic.</p> <p>- 4/5/24 Stage IV pressure ulcer. Wound measured 3.4 cm x 3.7 cm x 1.1 cm depth. The resident's wound had made good progress.</p> <p>- 4/12/24 Stage IV pressure ulcer. Wound vac discontinued. The wound measures 3.3 cm x 3.7 cm x 0.3 cm depth. There was muscle and fat layer exposed. There was no tunneling or undermining noted. The wound continues to make slow progress.</p> <p>- 5/3/24 Stage IV pressure ulcer. The resident did not have a dressing on her wound when she arrived at the wound clinic.</p> <p>- 5/10/24 Stage IV pressure ulcer. Patient again had NO dressing on wound bed and was yelling out in pain. There was an order to give the resident pain medication 30 minutes prior to her appointment. The wound measured 1.8 cm x 2.2 cm x 0.3 cm.</p> <p>2. During an interview on 5/20/24 at 8:54 a.m., NF2 stated it seemed like resident #15 was getting more wounds after admission. NF2 stated there was to be an evaluation of size of sling to use, but it had not occurred yet.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0697</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide safe, appropriate pain management for a resident who requires such services.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 32998</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure 1 (#6) of 3 sampled residents was medicated for pain 30 minutes prior to pressure ulcer dressing changes. Findings include:</p> <p>During an interview on 5/20/24 at 1:30 p.m., staff member D stated complaints of pain were to be reported to the nurse.</p> <p>During an interview on 5/20/24 at 1:40 p.m., staff member E stated if a resident is in pain, the nurse can give them pain medication.</p> <p>During an interview on 5/20/24 at 1:45 p.m., staff member F stated pain medication was to be administered prior to dressing changes if the resident complained about pain during dressing changes.</p> <p>Resident #6 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] and readmitted after surgical repair of a hip fracture related to a fall on 4/29/24. Upon admission, on 2/6/24, the resident had a pink pannus and sacrum, but had no open areas. On 2/13/24 assessment showed the resident's skin worsened, and the provider was notified with orders to apply a dressing and get the resident into the wound clinic as soon as possible. Resident #6's medical record showed the skin concern progressed to a Stage IV. On 5/10/24 the resident's wound was not covered when she went to the wound clinic, and she was yelling out that she had pain. Orders were written for pain medication to be given 30 minutes prior to her appointments with the wound clinic.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's progress notes, dated 3/3/24 through 5/10/24, showed the resident complained of pain to the wound, especially during dressing changes.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's MAR, dated 3/1/24 through 5/31/24, showed pain medication was ordered every six hours as needed for pain. The documentation was unclear whether the resident was given pain medication prior to dressing changes.</p> <p>Review of resident #6's care plan, dated 4/29/24, failed to show interventions for pain related to the wound and wound care.</p>		