

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 10/16/2024
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<p>F 0553</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Allow resident to participate in the development and implementation of his or her person-centered plan of care.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 48261</p> <p>Based on interviews and record reviews, the facility failed to conduct quarterly and annual care conferences and include residents and their representatives to facilitate ongoing participation in the plan of care and goals, for 7 (#s 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14) of 7 sampled residents investigated regarding care conferences. Findings include:</p> <p>1. During an interview on 10/15/24 at 9:25 a.m., resident #1 stated he had not attended a care conference and was never invited to attend. Resident #1 stated he, . just take(s) their word for it that care plan is what I want. Sure, I'd attend if I could.</p> <p>Review of resident #1's EHR social worker progress notes, dated 11/22/23 through 10/16/24, reflected resident #1 had not had a care conference since 3/1/24. Resident #1 did not have a care conference documented in the progress notes for the Quarterly MDS on either 7/16/24 or 10/16/24.</p> <p>2. During an interview on 10/16/24 at 12:09 p.m., NF2 stated she had not been invited to attend care conferences for resident #14, and had not been given the opportunity to provide input on the concerns she had with the resident's care. NF2 stated she would want to attend the meetings.</p> <p>Review of resident #14's EHR social worker progress notes, dated 12/20/23 through 10/16/24, reflected resident #14 had not had a care conference since admission on 12/15/23. Resident #14 did not have a care conference documented in the progress notes for the Quarterly MDS's on 3/18/24, 6/18/24, 9/16/24, or the Admission on 12/15/23.</p> <p>3. During an interview on 10/16/24 at 12:28 p.m., NF3 stated she had made many attempts to reach people in the facility to address care concerns and had sent a letter to the facility regarding concerns without any responses. NF3 stated she had made arrangements two years ago to have monthly care calls, because she lived several hours away, and needed to be a part of the resident's care. NF3 stated she had not been invited to care conferences since the first one after resident #10's admission to the facility on [DATE]. NF3 felt she should be a part of the care conferences to help ensure the resident's needs were being met as the resident declined and was very forgetful and confused.</p> <p>Review of resident #10's EHR social worker progress notes, dated 11/3/22 through 10/16/24, reflected resident #10 had not had a care conference since 3/21/23. Resident #10 did not have a care conference documented in the progress notes for the Quarterly MDS on 5/30/24, or the Annual MDS on 8/30/24.</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 0553</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>. 2. Monthly Meetings - I was supposed to be included in monthly meetings regarding her care and how she was doing. I haven't had one of these since last year. I know nothing of how her care is going. I only have what she tells me and she sometimes gets confused. I need to have these monthly meetings as I'm 3 hours away.</p> <p>The facility policy and procedure for care conferences was requested on 10/16/24 at 7:49 a.m. The policy was not provided by the end of the survey on 10/16/24 at 5:08 p.m. The policy and procedure was not faxed to the provided fax number as of 2:30 p.m. the following day.</p>		

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<p>F 0585</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Honor the resident's right to voice grievances without discrimination or reprisal and the facility must establish a grievance policy and make prompt efforts to resolve grievances.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 48261</p> <p>Based on observations, interviews, and record review, the facility failed to ensure residents knew how to file a grievance, resolve resident grievances promptly, and maintain evidence demonstrating the result of all grievances for a period of no less than 3 years from the issuance of the grievance decision, for 8 (#s 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 15) of 15 sampled residents investigated regarding grievances. Failure to thoroughly investigate grievances had the potential to result in failure to recognize and address potential resident abuse, neglect, or other care and service concerns that needed to be addressed. Findings include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. During an interview on 10/15/24 at 9:25 a.m., resident #1 stated he did not know how to file a grievance and usually called the ombudsman or the State Survey Agency. 2. During an interview on 10/15/24 at 1:45 p.m., resident #4 stated she was not aware of a grievance form or how to fill one out. 3. During an interview on 10/15/24 at 1:47 p.m., resident #5 stated she was not aware of a grievance form or how to fill one out. 4. During an interview on 10/15/24 at 1:54 p.m., resident #6 stated she was not aware of a grievance form or how to fill one out. Resident #6 stated she had grievances and asked that a staff member be sent in immediately to assist her with completing a grievance form. 5. During an interview on 10/15/24 at 2:01 p.m. resident #7 stated he did not have any information on a grievance process or how to file a grievance. 6. During an interview on 10/15/24 at 2:08 p.m., resident #8 stated he had complaints and had to have the management come in so he could address them but was not aware of a grievance form or process. Resident #8 asked a staff member to come and assist to complete a grievance and stated he had several grievances to address with management regarding the CNAs. 7. During an interview on 10/15/24 at 4:02 p.m., resident #9 stated she had recently been told where grievance forms were, but no forms were in the form box when she went and looked. 8. During an interview on 10/15/24 at 4:25 p.m., resident #15 stated she was not aware of a grievance process for residents. <p>During an interview on 10/15/24 at 5:10 p.m., staff member A stated staff were to hand in grievances to him. Staff member A stated, I'm not good about filling out grievances, I need to be better. I try to just address the issue or all I would do is file grievances.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/16/24 at 12:09 p.m., NF2 stated she was not aware of a grievance process or forms that could be completed.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0585</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During an interview on 10/16/24 at 12:28 p.m., NF3 stated she had sent in 3 grievance letters to the facility by mail and had not received a response. NF3 stated she had made many attempts to reach the management for assistance with care concerns, financial's, appointment cancellations, and failure to have monthly care conferences as promised. NF3 stated she was not aware of a formal grievance process or forms to be completed.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/16/24 at 12:39 p.m., NF4 stated she did not know how to file a grievance at the facility or know about a grievance form. NF4 stated she was at the facility weekly and had concerns regarding care that she would like to have management address.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/16/24 at 3:30 p.m., NF5 stated she heard in the last resident council meeting residents and staff were being told to not contact the ombudsman or use grievance forms. NF5 stated staff were told to tell the administrator about the concern and not to give the ombudsman's phone number out to residents. NF5 stated the resident council was then re-educated on resident's rights to file a grievance and to contact the ombudsman. NF5 stated residents were also complaining that grievance forms were not in the grievance form box, located on the wall.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/16/24 at 4:15 p.m., with staff members E and F, staff member F stated the previous administrator told all of the staff they could not file grievances for residents or give the residents the ombudsman's phone number. Staff member F stated they were to just go tell him and he would handle it. Staff member E stated they would go back to talk to the residents, and the residents would say no one ever came and addressed their concerns. Staff member E and F both stated they argued it was the residents right to make grievances.</p> <p>Review of the facility's grievance logs, dated April 2024 through October 2024, reflected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - April 2024: 0 grievances, - May 2024: 0 grievances, - June 2024: 1 grievance, clinical concern, - July 2024: 1 grievance, resident council: housekeeping, -August 2024: 1 grievance, resident council: linens not being changed, - September 2024: 3 grievances, 2 resident council: housekeeping not done, and 1 food taken, and - October 2024: 0 grievances <p>Review of the facility provided Resident Council Agenda & Minutes, dated 7/18/24, reflected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Old business Review: .CEO still not accessible for the residents to talk to. Residents feel like they are not getting help in time when they push the call button.Personal blankets not being returned to the resident. Lacking help from the social worker . - New Business Agenda & Minutes: <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0585</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>- .Nursing: .Showers have gotten better but bedding is not being changed at least 1x a week when they have a shower. Call lights take up to an hour to respond to them. Residents can hear the CNAs complaining about each other and talking about their personal lives during cares .</p> <p>- . Transportation: Residents feel that some of their appointments have been messed up. They are told they have an appointment but once they get to the doctor, they are told they DO NOT have an appointment. Or they have an appointment that is not on our calendar, and they miss it .</p> <p>Review of the facility provided Resident Council Agenda & Minutes, dated 8/15/24, reflected:</p> <p>- .New Business Agenda & Minutes:</p> <p>- . Nursing: Sheets are still not being changed 1x a week with showers, only if they ask them to. There have been issues of not getting all their medications and leaving meds at bedside while sleeping. [Name] explained the grievance process and the residents shared that they fear retaliation by the staff, which is against the law.</p> <p>- .Housekeeping: They complained about the bathrooms not being thoroughly cleaned or sanitized.</p> <p>- .Social Services: .The residents asked where the grievance boxes were in the building and complained that there were never any copies of the grievance forms available to fill out .</p> <p>Review of the facility provided Resident Council Agenda & Minutes, dated 9/19/24, reflected:</p> <p>- . Nursing: Some complaints of CNA's turning on lights at 4AM in the hallway and the resident rooms while talking and laughing loudly. Linen is still not being changed 1x a week with showers unless asked to do it.</p> <p>- .Maintenance: Complaints of ice-cold rooms and requested air conditioners be taken out of the windows in their rooms.</p> <p>- .Housekeeping: Don't always get their trash taken out and floors mopped every day . Complaints of flies in the rooms too. Can we do anything to help with the flies? .</p> <p>During an interview on 10/16/24 at 3: 00 p.m., with staff member B and C, the Grievance log documentation, supporting investigations into the concerns listed in the resident council meetings, was requested. Staff member C stated the documentation could not be found. Both staff member B and C stated they searched the current administrator's and previous administrator's offices without finding the grievances.</p> <p>Review of the facility's policy, Complaints and Grievances, dated 10/15/22, reflected:</p> <p>- . 8. Complaints/grievances are acknowledged, investigated, and the complainant apprised of progress toward a resolution and takes appropriate corrective action if the alleged violation is confirmed by the facility.</p> <p>- . 13. The evidence demonstrating the result of any grievance is maintained for a period of no less than 3 years from the issuance of the grievance decision.</p>		

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<p>F 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Timely report suspected abuse, neglect, or theft and report the results of the investigation to proper authorities.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 48261</p> <p>Based on interviews and record review, the facility failed to report to the State Survey Agency and Adult Protective Services, allegations of abuse by staff for 1 (#15); and report findings for one investigation to the State Survey Agency, for 1 (#16) of 16 sampled residents. Findings include:</p> <p>1. During an interview on 10/15/24 at 4:15 p.m., resident #15 stated, A CNA wound me up in the bathroom and called me white trash, and a woman across the hall was threatening to fight me over my soda one day. It's traumatic for me, and at that care conference they said it was old news, and we need to deal with current issues. Resident #15 stated she was never offered counseling and would like counseling. Resident #15 stated she was, . fearful staying here (at the facility) being called white trash and threats from the room across the way because I wouldn't give her my pop.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/15/24 at 5:10 p.m., staff member A stated, She (resident #15) changes her story. At the care conference we were not talking to her about the [racial slur] word incident anymore, and we needed to move forward. I didn't really do an investigation into her statement that a CNA wrapped her up in the bathroom and called her white trash, as I think she's deflecting and blaming others for her behavior, so she's trying to say all kinds of stuff. Weeks after the [racial slur] word incident she made up the accusation.</p> <p>Review of the State Survey Agency Bound's Reporting system, as of 10/16/24, reflected no reports of abuse related to a CNA wrapping a resident up and calling her white trash.</p> <p>2. Review of a facility reported incident for resident #16, dated 7/25/24, reflected resident #16 fell on [DATE] and did not complain of pain until six days later. On 7/18/24 resident #16 had x-rays completed, and it was determined she had two rib fractures. On 7/25/24, the incident was initially reported to the State Survey Agency. On 8/1/24, the State Survey Agency received the final investigation into the fall leading the rib fractures.</p> <p>Review of the facility's policy, Abuse, dated 8/1/23, reflected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - . 17. Allegations of verbal, sexual, physical, and mental abuse, corporal punishment, involuntary seclusion, and neglect of the resident as well as mistreatment, injuries of unknown source, exploitation, deprivation of goods and services by staff, and misappropriation of resident property are reported to the CEO immediately and the state agency. - a. Within 2 hours if there was alleged abuse or serious bodily injury as a result of an event. - b. Within 24 hours if the event that caused the injury did not involve abuse or did not result in serious bodily injury. - 18. The results of an alleged abuse investigation are reported in accordance with state regulation within five working days of the incident or in accordance with State law. 		

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<p>F 0610</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Respond appropriately to all alleged violations.</p> <p>48261</p> <p>Based on interviews and record review, the facility failed to thoroughly investigate and prevent further potential abuse while the investigation was in progress for allegations of abuse by staff for 1 (#15) of 16 sampled residents. Findings include:</p> <p>During an interview on 10/15/24 at 4:15 p.m., resident #15 stated, A CNA wound me up in the bathroom and called me white trash, and a woman across the hall was threatening to fight me over my soda one day. It's traumatic for me, and at that care conference they said it was old news, and we need to deal with current issues. Resident #15 stated she was never offered counseling and would like counseling. Resident #15 stated she was, . fearful staying here (at facility) being called white trash and threats from the room across way because I wouldn't give her my pop.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/15/24 at 5:10 p.m., staff member A stated, She (resident #15) changes her story. At the care conference we were not talking to her about the [racial slur] word incident anymore, and we needed to move forward. I didn't really do an investigation into her statement.</p> <p>Review of the State Survey Agency Bound's Reporting system, as of 10/16/24, reflected no reports of abuse related to a CAN wrapping a resident up and calling her white trash, and there was not a final 5-day summary sent to the State Survey Agency after the investigation into the allegations of abuse.</p> <p>Review of resident #15's EHR, progress notes, dated 8/19/24, reflected, . [resident #15] was being verbally abusive to our traveler CNA who is colored.</p> <p>Review of resident #15's EHR, progress notes, dated 8/19/24 - 10/16/24, reflected no notes of accusations of abuse by staff.</p> <p>Review of the facility's policy, Abuse, revised 8/1/23, reflected:</p> <p>- . 14. b. In Identification & Investigation of Abuse, Neglect, Misappropriation, Exploitation, and Injuries of Unknown Origin</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identification, 2) Investigation, 3) Protection, and 4) Reporting/responding to allegations of abuse . <p>- . 17. Allegations of verbal, sexual, physical, and mental abuse, corporal punishment, involuntary seclusion, and neglect of the resident as well as mistreatment, injuries of unknown source, exploitation, deprivation of goods and services by staff, and misappropriation of resident property are reported to the CEO immediately and the state agency .</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>48261</p> <p>Based on observations, interviews, and record review, the facility failed to provide adequate assistance to prevent injury for 1 (#1); and ensure the residents' environment was free from smoking and vapes creating accident hazards for 3 (#s 1, 2, and 3) of 10 sampled residents investigated regarding smoking and falls. This deficient practice resulted in a fractured hip for resident #1, and created an accident hazard for the residents. Findings include:</p> <p>1. During an interview on 10/15/24 at 9:25 a.m., resident #1 stated he had a broken hip because a CNA dropped him when transferring him on the toilet. Resident #1 stated he was supposed to have two people for transfers but only one person the night he fell . Resident #1 stated the one CNA stood behind him, and he fell because no one was in front of him to provide support. Resident #1 stated he was flown out to [City] and had surgery to repair the hip. Resident #1 stated he was fearful the facility staff would drop him again.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/15/24 at 11:32 a.m., NF1 stated, He worries too much about the past, the accident happened and sounds like an error occurred.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/16/24 at 3:00 p.m., with staff member B and C, staff member B stated the investigation file into resident #1's fall was missing. Staff member B stated only one CNA was assisting resident #1 when the, bump on his hip occurred. Staff member C stated the education was also located in the investigation file and was not available for review.</p> <p>Review of a facility, Risk management form, dated 3/28/24, reflected resident #1 had, . bumped his hip on the toilet riser when transferring. and When the CNA was helping me to the toilet, my hip bumped the toilet riser. The report reflected no predisposing factors.</p> <p>Review of resident #1's EHR Care Plan, dated 11/23/23 with a revision date of 2/22/24, reflected:</p> <p>- [Resident #1] has an ADL Self Care Performance Deficit r/t multiple sclerosis, myoneural disorder, ataxia. TOILET TRANSFER: Dependent for toileting with assist of 2 staff.</p> <p>Two attempts were made on 10/15/24 at 9:55 a.m. and 10:16 a.m., with voicemails left to call back. As of the end of the survey, no response to voicemails were received cna involved.</p> <p>2. During an observation and interview on 10/15/24 at 9:25 a.m., resident #1's room had an odor of marijuana. Resident #1's roommate was in bed sleeping. Resident #1 was noted to have a marijuana vape pen in bed with the resident, during the interview, which was by his hip under edge of blanket, on his left side. Resident #1 stated he had the vape pens sent to him by mail. Resident #1 stated he smoked the vape (pen) in bed exclusively. Resident #1 stated he used the pen to calm himself throughout the day. Resident #1 stated all the staff knew about him vaping and said the staff could not smell the marijuana.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Mount Ascension Transitional Care of Cascadia		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 2475 Winne Ave Helena, MT 59601	
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