

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 275153	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 07/30/2024
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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p>46400</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to prevent resident abuse in the form of a physical altercation with a staff member for 1 (#2) of 4 residents sampled. Findings include:</p> <p>Review of resident #2's nursing progress notes, dated 7/22/24, showed, Resident and her assigned one on one CNA in the door way to the dining room. CNA has residents hands behind her back pulling on her in an aggressive manner. Holler for CNA and security to help. CNA pulled resident to the floor with her hands still behind her back . [sic]</p> <p>During an interview on 7/29/24 at 1:20 p.m., staff member A stated when the staff to resident altercation had been reported to her, she came to the facility to review the security footage and began investigating the incident. Staff member N was removed from the shift, and later terminated. Staff member A stated through interviews the facility learned staff member N was easily angered and had been a bully.</p> <p>During an observation on 7/29/24 at 2:45 p.m., the security camera footage, dated 7/22/24, showed resident #2 walking into the dining room with her walker. Staff member N was the assigned 1:1 following the resident at a distance. Resident #2 turned and left the dining room, aggressively pushing her walker towards staff member N. Staff member N grabbed the resident by her arms, turned her around with her arms behind her back, and pulled her to the ground, despite other staff coming to help de-escalate the situation.</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 0740</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure each resident must receive and the facility must provide necessary behavioral health care and services.</p> <p>46400</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to assess for the root cause or triggers of behavioral outbursts for 1 (#2); and failed to provide the behavioral health services outlined in a PASRR Level II for 1 (#4) of 4 sampled residents. Findings include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review of resident #2's nursing progress notes, dated 6/29/24 - 7/30/24, showed the resident had been assigned a 1:1 sitter after a pattern of agitation and aggression towards other residents and staff including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6/29/24 Assaulting another resident and being sent to [Clinic Name 2] emergently for a psychiatric evaluation. 7/1/24 Pacing and agitation resulting in a phone call to the physician for a one-time medication order. 7/2/24 Cursing and yelling at her 1:1. 7/11/24 Kicking at another resident seated in her recliner. 7/22/24 Charging and punching her 1:1. <p>During an interview on 7/30/24 at 9:11 a.m., staff member A stated there were no root cause assessments done to identify trends or triggers related to resident #2's incidents. Staff member A stated it did not appear anyone was looking at the documentation on the 1:1 sitter sheet to determine if there were patterns associated with resident #2's behaviors.</p> <p>During an interview on 7/30/24 at 10:00 a.m., staff member J stated the facility had been told by [outside behavioral health clinic 2] to not send a referral to have resident #2 seen, but to send her through the E.R during a crisis. Staff member J stated this was difficult because the drive to this clinic was an hour, and the resident was calm by the time she arrived at the clinic. Staff member J stated the facility had sent out many referrals and requests for new placements with every place declining to take resident #2, due to her behaviors.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review of resident #4's PASRR Level II, dated 6/2/22, showed the resident had a history of schizophrenia and institutionalization that required the specialized services of Outpatient Mental Health. <p>Review of resident #4's EMR failed to show any documentation the resident was receiving or refusing any form of outpatient mental health services.</p> <p>During an interview on 7/30/24 at 12:00 p.m., staff member B stated it was a near weekly conversation with [outside clinic 1] to have the residents at the facility seen for behavioral health services. Staff member B stated [outside clinic 1] was the only provider in the area, and had been difficult to work with.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0740</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During the exit conference on 7/30/24 at 1:00 p.m., staff member A stated the intention was to send the requested behavioral health documentation to the State Survey Agency. No documentation was received.</p>

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<p>F 0758</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Implement gradual dose reductions(GDR) and non-pharmacological interventions, unless contraindicated, prior to initiating or instead of continuing psychotropic medication; and PRN orders for psychotropic medications are only used when the medication is necessary and PRN use is limited.</p> <p>46400</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure prn psychotropic drugs were limited to 14 days or had documented rationale for extended prn usage; and failed to ensure prn anti-psychotic drugs were limited to 14 days and not renewed unless the attending physician or prescribing practitioner evaluated the resident for the appropriateness of the medication for 1 (#2) of 4 sampled residents. Findings include:</p> <p>Review of resident #2's MAR, dated July 2024, showed the resident had prn orders for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ativan 1mg give 1 tablet by mouth every 8 hours as needed for agitation. There was a start date of 7/1/24. The resident had received this dose seven times for the month of July. There was no physician documentation detailing the resident's need for continued prn dosing of this medication. There was no stop date listed. 2. Olanzapine 2.5mg give 2.5mg by mouth every 6 hours as needed for depression. There was a start date of 7/1/24. The resident had received this dose twice for the month of July. There was no physician documentation of an evaluation to extend the prn dosage period of this medication. There was no stop date listed. <p>During an interview on 7/30/24 at 12:00 p.m., staff member B stated the physician was at the facility once per month, otherwise available by phone. They did not have an onsite physician who could re-evaluate residents after the 14-day prn period for antipsychotics was met. Staff member B stated pharmacy did the monthly reviews to catch stop dates, but had not yet done the reviews for the month of July 2024.</p>

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<p>F 0838</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Conduct and document a facility-wide assessment to determine what resources are necessary to care for residents competently during both day-to-day operations and emergencies.</p> <p>48261</p> <p>Based on interviews and record review, the facility failed to review and update the facility assessment to include the care required by the resident population considering the types of diseases, conditions, physical and cognitive disabilities, overall acuity, and other pertinent facts that are present within that population for residents with behavioral health needs. This practice had the potential to affect residents with behavioral health needs admitted to the facility. Findings include:</p> <p>During an interview on 7/29/24 at 3:58 p.m., staff member H stated resident #2 required a one-to-one sitter related to behaviors. Staff member H stated the facility was waiting for a psychological evaluation to be done. Staff member H stated staff member J was responsible for setting up the psychological evaluations. Staff member H stated, [Resident #2] deserves to be in a place that is more equipped to take care of behavior patients. I'm afraid to say it, but if we don't get her somewhere, it's (staff to resident abuse) going to happen again. We are not equipped to care for her.</p> <p>During an interview on 7/30/24 at 9:06 a.m., staff member J stated, We are not equipped to take care of [resident #2]. I don't know why the facility assessment says we can take behavior patients, we really shouldn't. I'm new and didn't know anything about facility assessments until yesterday when it was requested (by surveyors).</p> <p>During an interview on 7/30/24 at 10:26 a.m., staff member E stated there were seven residents with aggressive behaviors on the unit that she was aware of. Staff member E reported the following behaviors included: hitting, kicking, pinching, yelling, throwing things, and cussing. Staff member E stated, They (CNAs) really don't have the skills to care for these behaviors. I don't even know how I would handle some of them in the moment.</p> <p>Review of the facility provided, Facility Assessment, dated 12/13/22, reflected:</p> <p>-Part 2: Services and Care We Offer Based on our Residents' Needs</p> <p>-Mental health and behavior: manage the medical conditions and medication-related issues causing psychiatric symptoms and behavior, identify and implement interventions to help support individuals with issues such as dealing with anxiety, care of someone with cognitive impairment, care of individuals with depression, trauma/PTSD, other psychiatric diagnoses, intellectual or developmental disabilities.</p>		

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<p>F 0949</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide behavior health training consistent with the requirements and as determined by a facility assessment.</p> <p>48261</p> <p>Based on observation, interview and record review, the facility failed to provide behavioral health training for staff, consistent with the needs of the residents in the facility for 2 (#s 2 and 3) of 4 sampled residents. Findings include:</p> <p>During an observation and interview on 7/29/24 at 1:17 p.m., resident #2 was lying in bed diagonally, watching the television. Staff member C was sitting in a chair next to resident #2's bed looking at a personal cell phone. Staff member C stated she was the sitter for resident #2. Staff member C stated she was to document every 15 minutes what resident #2 was doing, and follow her if she left her room. Staff member C stated she was not aware of any behaviors resident #2 had in the past, and no one told her what she should do if resident #2 had behaviors. Staff member C stated she, . would try to go find the Director of Nursing if something happened. Staff member C stated she had not been trained on how to handle behaviors.</p> <p>During an interview on 7/29/24 at 1:25 p.m., staff member D stated she did not know about the care plan or the interventions for resident #2's behaviors.</p> <p>During an interview on 7/29/24 at 1:32 p.m., staff member E stated resident #2 was very fast and strong. Staff member E stated resident #2 had a sitter, and all the sitters could do was stay with her. Staff member E stated the facility had medication for resident #2's behaviors, and the only trigger she was aware of was if someone sat in her favorite chair in the common area. Staff member E stated she did not know if resident #2 had other triggers and stated resident #2 frequently had behaviors for no reason. Staff member E stated resident #2 had frequent outbursts of aggressive behavior toward staff and residents. Staff member E did not know what the care plan interventions were other than a sitter and medication. Staff member E stated, Truthfully, I don't know what I'd do when she gets aggressive, attacking people. Staff member C stated she had not been trained on how to handle behaviors.</p> <p>During an interview on 7/29/24 at 1:41 p.m., staff member F stated resident #2 was quick. Staff member F stated, I usually tell her, 'Don't do that' and try to get her back in her room. Staff member F stated she had not had training on managing behaviors specifically, and did not know what interventions were on resident #2's care plan.</p> <p>During an interview on 7/29/24 at 3:27 p.m., staff member G stated if a resident were to become aggressive toward her, she would yell for a nurse, and they would take care of it. We (staff) were told not to fight back, just go get a nurse.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0949</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Social services were asked to assist with the resident having aggressive behaviors when nursing staff is trying to change his pants and underwear, which the resident soiled. The resident began to be combative and swinging at CNAs and DON. The resident was transferred from the commons couch to wheelchair while still combative. Staff was able to get the resident to his room, where he tried to hit and bite staff. Staff eventually changed the resident and the resident calmed down.</p>		