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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Elwood Care Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 607 Smith Avenue Elwood, NE 68937	
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F 0641 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Ensure each resident receives an accurate assessment. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Licensure Reference Number 175 NAC 12-006.09(B)Based on record review and interview the facility failed to accurately code the Minimum Data Set (MDS) (a mandatory comprehensive assessment tool used for care planning) for 5 residents (Resident 2, 3, 25,16, and 29) of 12 sampled residents. The facility census was 30.Findings are:A. A record review of a Minimum Data Set (MDS, a federally mandated comprehensive assessment tool used to determine a resident's functional capabilities and helps nursing home staff identify health problems) dated 4/24/26 for Resident 2 revealed under: -Section A states Resident 2 had a readmission from a hospital on 3/10/26. -Section C reveals Resident 2 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS, a brief screener that aids in detecting cognitive impairment) score: 3/15 whereas 0-7: reveals the resident has a severe impairment. -Section N reveals Resident 2 took the following high risk drug class medications during the look back period of the last 7 days until the date of the MDS of 4/24/26: -Antipsychotic (medications used to treat psychosis (delusions/hallucinations), schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and severe depression.) -Antidepressant (medications used to treat depression, anxiety, PTSD, and chronic pain.) -Anticoagulant (medications that prevent harmful blood clots from forming or growing by inhibiting clotting factors.) -Antibiotic (medications that treat bacterial infections by killing bacteria or inhibiting their growth.) -Diuretic (medications that reduce high blood pressure, heart failure, and edema by aiding the kidneys in removing excess sodium and water via increased urination.) -Hypoglycemic (medication that rapidly raises blood sugar.) A record review of an Order Summary dated 5/4/26 for Resident 2 reveals an order for: Clonazepam (a medication used to treat anxiety (an abnormal and overwhelming sense of apprehension and fear often marked by physical signs, by doubt concerning the reality and nature of the threat, and by self-doubt about one's capacity to cope with it) and/or a seizure disorder) tablet; (continued on next page)		

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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F 0880 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program. Licensure Reference Number 175 NAC 1-005.06(D)Licensure Reference Number 175 NAC 12-006.18(B)Based on observation, record review, and interview the facility failed to ensure that staff performed hand sanitization (hand washing using soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) to remove germs for reducing the risk of transmitting infection among residents and health care personnel) between resident contacts to prevent the potential for cross contamination. This affected 12 of 12 residents observed (Residents 9, 31, 10, 3, 17, 30, 25, 2, 22, 23, 14, and 26). The facility census was 30.Findings are:Record review of the facility policy titled Hand Hygiene (hand sanitization) dated 1/22/25 revealed that all staff will perform proper hand hygiene procedures to prevent the spread of infection to other personnel, residents, and visitors. This applies to all staff working in all locations within the facility. Hand hygiene will be performed between resident contacts, after handling contaminated objects, after handling items potentially contaminated with body fluids and secretions/excretions, and when in doubt. Observation on 5/4/26 at 2:55 PM on the facility 200 hallway revealed that Nurse Aide-D (NA-D) exited the room of Resident 9 with a used water mug and sat it on the 3 shelf cart in the hall. NA-D did not perform hand sanitization. NA-D entered the room of Resident 31 and then exited with a used mug and sat it on the 3 shelf cart. NA-D did not perform hand sanitization. NA-D entered the room of Residents 10 and 3 (roommates). NA-D exited the room with 4 used mugs cradled against their uniform top with the left arm. NA-D sat the mugs on the 3 shelf cart. NA-D did not perform hand sanitization. NA-D entered the room of Residents 17 and 30 (roommates). NA-D exited the room with used mugs and placed them on the 3 shelf cart. NA-D did not perform hand sanitization. NA-D entered the room of Resident 25 and then exited the room with a used mug. NA-D sat the mug on the 3 shelf cart. NA-D did not perform hand sanitization. NA-D entered the room of Resident 2. NA-D exited the room with a used mug and sat it on the 3 shelf cart. NA-D did not perform hand sanitization. NA-D pushed the 3 shelf cart from the 200 hallway to the 100 hallway. Observation on 5/4/26 at 2:57 PM on the facility 200 hallway revealed that Nurse Aide-E (NA-E) pushed a 3 shelf cart with mugs of water to the doorway of Resident 6. NA-E carried a mug into the room of Resident 6. NA-E exited the room and went to the 3 shelf cart. NA-E did not perform hand sanitization. NA-E removed a mug from the 3 shelf cart and carried it into the room of Resident 9. NA-E exited the room and returned to the 3 shelf cart. NA-E did not perform hand sanitization. NA-E removed a mug from the 3 shelf cart and carried it into the room of Resident 31. NA-E sat the mug on the overbed table in the room. Resident 31 was laying in the bed. NA-E picked up the blanket partially covering Resident 31 and recovered the resident with the blanket. NA-E explained to Resident 31 that NA-E brought fresh water. NA-E exited the room and returned to the 3 shelf cart. NA-E did not perform hand sanitization. NA-E pushed the cart toward the room of Residents 10 and 3 (roommates). NA-E removed two mugs from the 3 shelf cart and carried them into the room of Residents 10 and 3 (roommates). NA-E exited the room and returned to the 3 shelf cart. NA-E did not perform hand sanitization. NA-E removed two mugs and carried them into the room of Residents 17 and 30 (roommates). NA-E exited the room and returned to the 3 shelf cart. NA-E did not perform hand sanitization. NA-E pushed the 3 shelf cart towards the room of Resident 25. NA-E removed a mug from the 3 shelf cart and carried it into the room of Resident 25. NA-E exited the resident room and returned to the 3 shelf cart. NA-E did not perform hand sanitization. NA-E picked up a mug from the 3 shelf cart and carried it into the room of Resident 2. NA-E exited the room and returned to the 3 shelf cart. NA-E did not perform hand sanitization. NA-E pushed the 3 shelf cart from the 200 hallway into the 100 hallway. NA-E picked up two mugs from the cart and carried them into the room of Residents 22 and 23 (roommates). NA-E exited the room. NA-E did not perform hand sanitization. NA-E pushed the cart towards the room of Residents 14 and 26 (roommates). NA-E removed two mugs from the cart and carried them into the room of Residents 14 and 26. NA-E assisted Resident 14. NA-E exited the resident room and returned to the 3 shelf cart. NA-E did not perform hand sanitization. Observation on 5/5/26 at 2:23 PM on the (continued on next page)		

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F 0880 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	facility 200 hall revealed that NA-E pushed a 3 shelf cart to room of Resident 6. NA-E entered the room and exited with a used water mug. NA-E did not perform hand sanitization. NA-E entered the room of Resident 9 and exited with a used water mug. NA-E did not perform hand sanitization. NA-E pushed the 3 shelf cart down the hall to the next set of rooms. NA-E went into the room of Residents 10 and 3 (roommates) and exited with used water mugs. NA-E did not perform hand sanitization. NA-E went into the room of Resident 31 and exited with used water mug. NA-E did not perform hand sanitization. NA-E continued to enter and remove used water mugs from the rooms of Residents 17, 30, 25, and 2 without performing hand sanitization. Interview on 5/6/26 at 9:39 AM with the facility Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) confirmed that all staff are expected to perform hand hygiene on exit from a resident room. The ADON confirmed that hand sanitization should have been performed by staff between resident rooms during water pass.		

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F 0552 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that residents are fully informed and understand their health status, care and treatments. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Licensure Reference Number 175 NAC 12-006.05(E) Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to document that the residents or resident representatives were educated in advanced about the risks, benefits, and alternate interventions of psychotropic medications when new medications were prescribed or current medications were increased for 2 residents (Resident 9 and Resident 20), of 5 sampled residents. The facility census was 30. Findings are:A. Review of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) (a standardized assessment tool used in long-term care settings, that serves as a comprehensive screening and assessment instrument that collects essential information about residents' clinical and functional status and assists in determining care needs, guiding treatment plans, and facilitating reimbursement processes for skilled nursing facilities) created on 3/27/2026 revealed Resident 9 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Resident 9 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 14 which indicated normal thinking and memory. The MDS also revealed that Resident 9 had diagnoses of Alzheimer's disease, non-Alzheimer's dementia, malnutrition, anxiety disorder, depression, and insomnia. Record review of the facility policy dated 4/20/2020 Behavioral Health Services revealed it is the policy that all residents receive necessary behavioral healthcare and services to assist him or her to reach and maintain the highest level of mental and psychosocial functioning. The policy further stated the facility utilizes the comprehensive assessment process for identifying and assessing a resident's mental and psychosocial status and providing person-centered care. The process included the use of ongoing monitoring of mood and behaviors, care plan development, implementation, and evaluation. Pharmacological interventions shall only be used when non-pharmacological interventions are ineffective or when clinically indicated. Record review of an email sent to the facility from the facility's consulting pharmacist on 10/01/2025 revealed that the pharmacist wanted to touch base with the facility about issues that other facilities had been having with their annual surveys. The consulting pharmacist revealed the following: Essentially any new psychotropic order or change to a current psychotropic (either dose increase or decrease) must have consent documented prior to that order being initiated. This means documentation is required before the first dose is given. But please note, the written/signed consent form is not required here since that is typically not feasible before the first dose/ A simple progress note saying consent was received via telephone with family is perfectly acceptable at first, but it just needs to be before that first dose. The consulting pharmacist then forwarded the actual verbiage from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as it related to the use of psychotropic medications (drugs that affect mood, behavior, thoughts, or perception, primarily by altering brain chemistry) and informing the resident or resident representative about the risks and benefits of a dose increase, decrease, or when a new psychotropic medication is started. Record review of the document titled (Facility Name) Psych April 2026 for Resident 9 revealed that the resident was admitted to the facility with the orders for Abilify (an psychotropic medication (drugs that affect mood, behavior, thoughts, or perception, primarily by altering brain chemistry) used for the diagnosis of major depressive disorder) on 4/15/2025. There was an order for a gradual dose reduction on 6/24/2026 that the family refused at that time. Then on 1/19/2026 another GDR was documented to reduce the medication. The document also revealed that the resident was admitted with the medication Zoloft (a medication for depression) and had a gradual dose reduction completed 9/23/2025 which failed and the medication was then increased on 2/3/2026. Trazadone (an (continued on next page)		

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F 0656 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Develop and implement a complete care plan that meets all the resident's needs, with timetables and actions that can be measured. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Licensure Reference Number 175 NAC 12-006.04(F)(i)(4) Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure that comprehensive person-centered care plans were developed and implemented with measurable goals and objectives to meet the required needs of each resident for 2 residents (Resident 9 and Resident 35) of 14 sampled residents. The facility census was 30. Record review of the facility policy dated 4/1/2024 Comprehensive Care Plans revealed the policy is to develop and implement a comprehensive person-centered care plan (a detailed document that outlines a patient's medical history, current health status, and the coordinated care needed to meet their health needs) for each resident, consistent with resident rights, that includes measurable objectives and time frames to meet a resident's medical, nursing, and mental and psychosocial needs that are identified in the resident's comprehensive assessment. The definition of person-centered was to focus on the resident as the locus (center) of control and support the resident in making their own choices and having control over their daily lives. The policy explanation and compliance guidelines started that the care planning process revealed the following: 1.) The care planning process would include an assessment of the resident's strengths and needs and incorporate the resident's personal and cultural preferences in developing goals of care. 2.) The plan would be developed within 7 days after the completion of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment (a standardized, federally mandated evaluation of a nursing home resident's health, functional status, and care needs, used to guide care planning and determine reimbursement) and all areas triggered by the MDS would be considered in the formation of the plan of care. Other factors identified by the interdisciplinary team or in accordance with the resident's preferences would be addressed. 3.) The comprehensive care plan would include at a minimum the following: a. The services to be furnished to attain or maintain the resident's highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being. b. Any services that would otherwise be furnished but are not provided due to the resident's exercise of his or her right to refuse treatment. c. Any specialized services as a result of Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASARR) (a federally mandated assessment to ensure individuals with serious mental illness or intellectual disabilities are appropriately placed in nursing facilities and receive the services they need.) d. the resident's goals for admission, desired outcomes, and preferences for future discharge. e. Discharge plans as appropriate. F. Resident specific interventions that reflect the resident's needs and preferences. 5.) The comprehensive care plan will be reviewed and revised by the interdisciplinary team after each comprehensive and quarterly MDS assessment and as appropriate as changes arise. 6.) The comprehensive care plan will include measurable objectives and timeframes to meet the resident's needs, and the objectives will be utilized to monitor the resident's progress. A. Review of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) (a standardized assessment tool used in long-term care settings, that serves as a comprehensive screening and assessment instrument that collects essential information about residents' clinical and functional status and assists in determining care needs, guiding treatment plans, and facilitating reimbursement processes for skilled nursing facilities) created on 3/27/2026 revealed Resident 9 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Resident 9 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 14 which indicated normal thinking and memory. The MDS also revealed that Resident 9 had diagnoses of Alzheimer's disease, non-Alzheimer's dementia, malnutrition, anxiety disorder, depression, and insomnia. Record review of the facility policy dated 4/20/2020 Behavioral Health Services revealed it is the policy that all residents receive necessary behavioral healthcare and services to assist him or her to reach and maintain the highest level of mental and psychosocial functioning. The policy further stated the facility utilizes the comprehensive assessment process for identifying and assessing a resident's mental and psychosocial status and providing person-centered care. The process included the use of ongoing monitoring of mood and (continued on next page)		

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We will work on creating measurable goals and objectives, so they are more clearly understood for those using the care plan to care for the residents. In a confirmation interview with the ADON on 5/5/2026 at 11:35 AM who revealed that some goals and objectives are buried in other portions of the care plan. The ADON confirmed that the goals do not have measurable and objective goals related to each medication identified and are not person-centered as it would relate only to this resident. B. Record review of the quarterly MDS dated [DATE] revealed Resident 35 was admitted on [DATE]. Resident 35 wore glasses, had a BIMS score of 7 (a score that indicated severe cognitive impairment, suggesting significant difficulty with memory, orientation and thinking skills), used a walker for ambulation, needed minimal to moderate assistance with activities of daily living such as toileting, bathing, dressing, and oral cares, was occasionally incontinent of urine, had medically complex issues including hypertension (high blood pressure), renal insufficiency (kidney were starting to work inefficiently), diabetes, difficulty speaking, an anxiety disorder, asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (difficulty with breathing), anemia (a deficiency of healthy red blood cells or hemoglobin, leading to insufficient oxygen delivery to the body's tissues), and difficulty swallowing, and was at risk of developing pressure ulcers but currently had no skin conditions or open areas of the skin. Record review of the Physician admission Orders dated 10.2.2025 revealed that Resident 35 was admitted with diagnoses of atrial fibrillation (Irregularly irregular heart rhythm), high blood pressure, and hypothyroid (low thyroid). Record review of the Office Clinic Notes dated 12/22/2025 revealed that Resident 35 was seen for failure to thrive (FTT) (a syndrome of physical, cognitive, and functional decline, often marked by weight loss, poor nutrition, decreased activity, and social withdrawal.). FTT was added to Resident 35's list of diagnoses. Record review of the Office Clinic Notes dated 01/26/2026 revealed the office visit was a follow up to Resident 35's edema (swelling from extra fluid in the body), weakness, loss of appetite, and leg pain. Added to Resident 35's list of diagnoses was chronic kidney disease (long term disorder of the kidneys not working properly to secrete urine), pitting edema in which the provider added furosemide (a diuretic medication that helps the kidneys produce more urine to eliminate extra bodily fluids via the kidneys), and leg pain in which the provider order acetaminophen with codeine (codeine is an opioid medication for more severe pain). Record review of the inhouse visit with an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) dated 02/03/2026 revealed that the facility staff wanted Resident 35 to be seen for a sore on the right ankle, sores to both buttocks, and weight loss. The staff also asked for an order to have Hospice re-evaluate Resident 35. After seeing Resident 35, the diagnosis included congestive heart failure (CHF) (a chronic condition in which the heart cannot pump blood efficiently, leading to fluid buildup and symptoms like shortness of breath and swelling), blisters and cellulitis with skin breakdown on both buttocks. The APRN ordered doxycycline (an antibiotic medication for infections) for the infection control. Record review of the inhouse facility visit dated 02/12/2026 with an APRN revealed the facility staff wanted Resident 35 to be seen for a follow up about Resident 35's congestive heart failure, blisters that had turned into sores on a foot, the right foot which was purple and cold to touch, edema in both legs, shortness of breath with activities, and lack of appetite. The APRN added levothyroxine to the daily medications, and changed the medication being used for pain control. Record review of the comprehensive care plan last reviewed and revised on 01/28/2026 revealed that that care plan had not been updated to include the addition of the opioid medication given for pain, did not (continued on next page)		

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