

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 295075	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/09/2024
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<p>F 0678</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide basic life support, including CPR, prior to the arrival of emergency medical personnel , subject to physician orders and the resident's advance directives.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 40142</p> <p>Based on interview, record review and document review, the facility failed to ensure a resident with a full code status was provided basic life support (BLS) after having been found unresponsive for 1 of 9 sampled residents (Resident 1). The deficient practice deprived the resident of life-saving measures, specifically cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) which may have potentially increased the resident's chances of recovery and survival.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Resident 1 (R1)</p> <p>R1 was admitted on [DATE] and readmitted on [DATE], with diagnoses including Alzheimer's disease with late onset, nutritional deficiency, and urinary tract infection (UTI).</p> <p>A provider order for life-sustaining treatment (POLST) dated [DATE], revealed R1 was evaluated by the physician assistant to have decisional capacity and the resident elected to be a full code (attempt CPR in the event of cardiopulmonary arrest).</p> <p>A quarterly social services assessment dated [DATE], revealed R1 expressed wanting to remain full code.</p> <p>A nursing progress note dated [DATE], revealed a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) reported to the nurse R1 had expired. The Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) assessed the resident to be unresponsive, no respirations noted with absent pulse. The LPN notified the Director of Nursing Services (DNS) and Sheriff.</p> <p>A nursing progress note dated [DATE], documented the DNS notified the physician R1 had expired, and the Sheriff was at the building to pronounce death.</p> <p>The medical record lacked documented evidence the nurse or CNA initiated CPR, called a Code Blue (response to a resident who was found without vital signs), or called 911 (emergency services) when the resident was found unresponsive without pulse or respirations.</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 0678</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A facility report submitted to the state agency on [DATE], revealed an allegation of neglect was verified by the facility concerning an LPN who did not initiate CPR on a full code resident who was found unresponsive with no pulse or respirations on [DATE]. Based on the report, the LPN reasoned not performing CPR on the resident because, the resident really looked dead. The LPN was suspended during the investigation with intention to terminate.</p> <p>On [DATE], two attempts to contact the LPN of concern (LPN 1) for a telephone interview were made at 8:19 AM and 12:20 PM, both attempts were unsuccessful.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 9:19 AM, an LPN (LPN 2) indicated working alongside LPN 1 on [DATE] with LPN 1 being assigned to the 600-Hall and LPN 2 assigned to the 500-Hall. LPN 2 explained a Code Blue was typically announced using the overhead paging system, but according to LPN 2 there was no Code Blue incident during the shift on [DATE]. LPN 2 recalled conversing with LPN 1 at the nurse's station towards end of shift when LPN 1 casually verbalized R1 had expired.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 1:05 PM, an attempt was made to contact the CNA assigned to R1 on [DATE]. The attempt was unsuccessful. The DNS indicated the CNA was on vacation leave and may not be reachable.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 1:48 PM, another CNA recounted not being assigned to R1 on [DATE] but assisted with R1's bed bath earlier in the morning. The CNA indicated not being familiar with R1 but reported a light pink vaginal discharge in R1's brief to LPN 1 who told the CNA the finding was not off baseline since R1 had an active UTI with hematuria (blood in urine).</p> <p>On [DATE] at 10:42 AM, the physician assistant (PA) recalled receiving a phone call from LPN 1 on [DATE] regarding abnormal findings in the resident's renal ultrasound collected on [DATE]. According to the PA, R1's renal ultrasound indicated blood was found in the resident's bladder, but the PA did not order a hospital transfer since the resident's vital signs were stable and no significant vaginal bleeding was reported. The PA indicated not being familiar with R1 and deferred to the resident's attending physician.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 2: 28 PM, the attending physician indicated being familiar with R1's medical condition. The physician described R1 as advanced in age with multiple co-morbidities and had been on a steady versus rapid decline. The physician indicated laboratory and other diagnostic tests were being ordered, reviewed, and addressed with abnormal findings being treated as soon as they were identified. The physician indicated R1 was recently treated with intravenous (IV) fluids for dehydration and had been on oral antibiotics for UTI. The physician explained a renal/bladder ultrasound was ordered on [DATE] due to R1's hematuria (blood in urine) and results of which became available on [DATE]. According to the physician, R1's cystitis would have been treated with bladder irrigation but unfortunately the resident expired within hours of the diagnostic report being received.</p> <p>The physician verbalized staff reports of the resident being restless, refusing to eat and drink and vaginal discharge were not new symptoms and could be treated at the facility-level without ruling out a need for a hospital transfer in the event of a rapid decline or need for higher level of care. The physician indicated many factors may have played a role in the resident's demise which included an infection at old age, high potassium, and high blood urea nitrogen (BUN) due to poor renal function and volume depletion.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 40131</p> <p>Based on interviews, record review, and document review, the facility failed to complete or document the status of the orthopedic follow-up consultation for fractured bilateral feet for 1 of 4 sampled residents (Resident 2). This deficient practice had the potential to delay the necessary medical intervention and exacerbate the resident's pain and complications.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Resident 2 (R2)</p> <p>R2 was admitted on [DATE], with diagnoses including a closed fracture, a nondisplaced fracture of the lateral malleolus of the right fibula, a fifth metatarsal bone, a left foot, and weakness.</p> <p>A Physician order dated 01/30/2023, documented to follow up with an orthopedic surgeon in one week.</p> <p>A Care Plan dated 02/02/2023, documented R2 had an alteration in musculoskeletal status related to a fracture of bilateral feet. The interventions included the following for weight bearing status and to see physician orders.</p> <p>A Physician Progress Note dated 02/09/2023, documented the Chief Complaint / Nature of the Presenting Problem: skilled visit for a for a bilateral lateral malleolar fracture. After a fall, R2 presented with a bilateral malleolus fracture and a left second through 5th metatarsal base fracture. R2's fractures were non-operative, and was to follow up as an outpatient.</p> <p>On 04/04/2024 at 1:35 PM, a Registered Nurse (RN) assigned to R2 explained the process for outside consultations required a physician order. The RN indicated the staff member who received the order would relay it to the appointment scheduler. Staff could access the established schedule via the electronic calendar. The RN indicated the resident Care Manager who received the order at the time no longer worked at the facility. The RN verified R2's orthopedic appointment had not been scheduled or canceled in both the calendar and the progress notes.</p> <p>The facility Outpatient Consult Calendar from 01/30/2023 to 02/10/2023, lacked documented evidence R2's orthopedic consult had been scheduled.</p> <p>On 04/04/2024 at 1:53 PM, the Business Office Generalist (BOG) explained an outpatient consultation required an order. The BOG indicated responsibilities included scheduling appointments for residents, liaising with the physician's office for outpatient consultations, and organizing transportation for residents to and from appointments. The BOG explained if an appointment had been finalized, the date, time, and instructions would be placed in the electronic calendar. The BOG confirmed there was no indication R2's orthopedic appointment was set up, completed, or canceled.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0940</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Develop, implement, and/or maintain an effective training program for all new and existing staff members.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 40142</p> <p>Based on observation, interview and document review, the facility failed to ensure 1) the emergency crash cart was free of expired supplies, 2) staff were trained on the suction equipment, oral airway device and automated external defibrillator (AED) and 3) mock code drills were conducted quarterly once per shift in accordance with facility policy. The deficient practice placed residents' safety at risk as a result of poor-quality response to an emergency such as aspiration, choking and cardiopulmonary arrest.</p> <p>Emergency Crash Cart</p> <p>On [DATE] at 9:23 AM, a Registered Nurse (RN) and the Resident Care Manager (RCM) were present for an inspection of the emergency crash cart located in the 500-Hall and 600-Hall nurse's station. The crash cart checklist for [DATE] and [DATE] reflected the emergency crash cart was checked daily with no missed entries. The RN and RCM indicated the night shift staff were assigned check the contents of the crash cart.</p> <p>The RCM confirmed the following observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - six Amsino brand yankauer devices - expired [DATE] - three Medline brand yankauer devices - expired [DATE] - one bottle sterile water expired [DATE] - one compressor nebulizer - vendor maintenance due [DATE] - one suction swab expired [DATE] <p>On [DATE] at 10:09 AM, the staff development coordinator (SDC) confirmed checking central supply and indicated there were no unexpired yankauer devices (an oral suctioning tool made of firm plastic) in the facility.</p> <p>Suction Device</p> <p>On [DATE] at 9:33 AM, the RCM confirmed there were no yankauer devices in the crash cart which were not expired. RCM indicated not being certain how the night shift staff checked the suction equipment and confirmed there was no practice yankauer attached to the suction device. The RCM indicated night shift staff were expected to physically plug in the suction equipment, turn the device on and test suction. The RCM was asked to demonstrate use of suction equipment.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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