

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 315324	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/10/2024
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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for 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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 31654</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and review of pertinent documents it was determined that the facility failed to ensure the smoking policy was followed to screen and assess a resident for the ability to safely smoke cigarettes. The deficient practice occurred for 1 of 5 residents reviewed for accidents (Resident #127) and was evidenced by the following:</p> <p>On 4/30/24 at 10:18 AM, during the entrance conference, the facility provided a Smoking Policy and Procedure and the Smoking Schedule which revealed that Resident #127 was listed as smoking during shift #1 from 9:00 AM-9:10 AM, 10:30 AM-10:40 AM, 2:00 PM-2:10 PM, 5:00 PM-5:10 AM.</p> <p>On 5/2/24 at 8:40 AM, Resident #127 was observed self-propelling from the designated smoking area onto the elevator.</p> <p>On 5/2/24 at 8:59 AM, the surveyor reviewed the electronic medical record (EMR) which revealed the most recent signed Smoking assessment dated [DATE] indicated 1. Is Resident a Smoker, and No was checked off.</p> <p>A review of the Admission Record for Resident #127 revealed diagnoses which included, but were not limited to, traumatic subdural hemorrhage, tobacco use and other seizures.</p> <p>A review of the most recent 48-page Interdisciplinary Care Plan (including canceled items) initiated 2/1/24 did not contain a focus area for smoking.</p> <p>A review of the most recent quarterly Minimum Data Set, dated dated [DATE], revealed the resident scored 6 out of 15 on the Brief Interview of Mental Status which indicated the resident was cognitively impaired.</p> <p>On 5/2/24 at 10:44 AM, the surveyor interviewed the Receptionist about Resident #127 and asked if the resident smoked, as the Receptionist was observed distributing cigarettes to residents. The Receptionist stated Resident #127 smoked and he/she smoked this morning. The surveyor asked what the process entailed, and the Receptionist stated there was a Smoke Aide outside who lit the cigarettes, and at that time, the surveyor observed the Smoke-Aide sitting in the smoking area. The Receptionist stated all the residents received two cigarettes in the morning, and except for one resident who was blind and needed help smoking, and stated everyone else was independent.</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 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 5/2/24 at 11:46 AM, the surveyor reviewed the paper medical record for Resident #127 which revealed a document titled Smoking Contract which had a hand-written slash over it, and Do Not Smoke was written on the documented which was dated, 12/20/23 and signed by staff.</p> <p>On 5/2/24 at 11:51 AM, in the presence of another surveyor the, the surveyors interviewed Resident #127 in the resident's room. The surveyors asked if the resident was a smoker and the resident confirmed that he/she smoked. Resident #127 informed the surveyors that the facility held the cigarettes at the front desk.</p> <p>On 5/2/24 at 11:54 AM, the surveyor, in the presence of another surveyor, conducted an interview with the Unit Manager/Registered Nurse (UM/RN). The surveyors asked the UM/RN if there were residents that she was aware of that smoked on the unit, and the UM/RN stated, yes we do. The surveyors asked how she would know, and she stated, it was included in the admission assessment and if residents are alert, they could tell you. The UM/RN stated we have a Smoking Contract and the surveyor asked if the resident was required to sign it and the UM/RN stated, yes, they have to sign it. The UM/RN stated the resident was informed that they needed to adhere to the smoking schedule and they were not allowed to have smoking paraphernalia in the room. The UM/RN stated we have a Smoking Assessment, and that was completed on admission, then repeated quarterly and annually.</p> <p>On 5/2/24 at 11:57 AM, the surveyor asked the UM/RN if Resident #127 was a smoker, and they replied [the resident] doesn't smoke. The surveyor asked the UM/RN if she was aware that Resident #127 was listed on the smoking schedule and smoked. The UM/RN looked at the most recent smoking assessment and confirmed that it was documented that Resident #127 was not a smoker, and confirmed that she had not been aware, and she completed the assessment. The surveyor asked the UM/RN if she should have been aware and she stated, I should be aware, and maybe he just started smoking again. The UM/RN stated, [he/she] probably told me [he/she] was not smoking, because when I asked [him/her] and [he/she] stated [he/she] doesn't smoke. The surveyor asked where the breakdown in communication occurred and the UM/RN stated, that she was not sure since it was a team effort.</p> <p>On 5/2/24 at 12:04 PM, the surveyor asked the UM/RN if the resident was care planned for smoking and the UM/RN stated, we don't care plan smoking. The UM/RN stated the Social Worker reviewed the contract and confirmed that the only contract in effect was the one that was crossed off. The UM/RN confirmed that the smoking contract dated 12/20/23 was completed on admission and when asked if there was another contract, the UM/RN stated, I don't see anything here.</p> <p>On 5/6/24 at 12:40 PM, the facility administration was made aware of the above concerns.</p> <p>On 5/7/24 at 10:42 AM, the Director of Nursing, in the presence of the Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, confirmed that there was no smoking contract that was located in the medical record and confirmed the smoking was not in Resident #127's Interdisciplinary Care Plan.</p> <p>The Smoking Policy and Procedure, Revised 11/2024, provided during the entrance conference on 04/30/24 at 10:18 AM revealed:</p> <p>Purpose: To provide a safe environment for all at [Facility Name] and provide clear directions for residents that are active cigarette smokers.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0804</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure food and drink is palatable, attractive, and at a safe and appetizing temperature.</p> <p>38080</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and review of pertinent facility documentation, it was determined that the facility failed to ensure safe and appetizing temperatures of food for 3 of 4 entree meals observed on 1 of 3 nursing units (Third Floor). This deficient practice was evidenced by the following:</p> <p>On 5/3/24 at 10:07 AM, the surveyor conducted a Resident Council meeting which included four residents (Resident #13, #27, #46, and #48). Resident #46 stated lunch and dinner were served cold and in takeout containers and not on hot plates since February of 2024.</p> <p>On 5/8/24 at 11:32 AM, the surveyor informed the Dietary Director (DD) they wanted to observe the lunch meal for the day including food temperatures. The surveyor asked the Cook to calibrate two thermometers in their presence; which the Cook completed using an ice bath, and the thermometers reached 32 degrees Fahrenheit (F).</p> <p>On 5/8/24 at 11:33 AM, the surveyor observed the Cook using one of the thermometers calibrated to 32 F and took the following temperatures for the lunch meal:</p> <p>Barbecue chicken 178 F</p> <p>Scalloped potatoes 178 F</p> <p>Lima beans 160 F</p> <p>Sausage and peppers 170 F</p> <p>Chopped chicken 168 F</p> <p>Pureed lima beans 168 F</p> <p>Mashed potato 182 F</p> <p>Pureed chicken 158 F</p> <p>Carrots 200 F</p> <p>Yogurt 47 F</p> <p>Milk 41 F</p> <p>On 5/8/24 at 11:47 AM, the surveyor observed dietary staff began plating lunch. The DD stated the facility used insulated bases and dome lids, pellets (plate liner), and heated plates to maintain food temperatures. The DD stated the facility currently did not have enough insulated bases and dome lids to plate all the residents food, so they used disposable Styrofoam containers with lids to serve residents at all three meals.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0804</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 5/8/24 at 12:40 PM, the surveyor observed the dietary staff began to plate the last food cart using disposable trays. At 12:44 PM, the last meal was plated, and the surveyor requested four test tray meals; a regular texture, alternative regular texture, and ground texture meals. The regular meal contained barbecue chicken, lima beans, scalloped potatoes, milk, and yogurt; the alternative regular meal included sausage and pepper sandwich, lima beans, and lactaid milk; the mechanical soft meal contained chopped chicken, scalloped potatoes, and lima beans; and the pureed meal contained pureed chicken, mashed potatoes, and pureed lima beans.</p> <p>At this time, the Dietary Aide accompanied by the surveyor and DD left the kitchen with the dining cart and proceeded to the Third-floor nursing unit.</p> <p>On 5/8/24 at 12:45 PM, the lunch meal arrived on the Third-floor nursing unit.</p> <p>On 5/8/24 at 12:50 PM, the Certified Nursing Aide (CNA) began delivering the meal trays to the residents.</p> <p>On 5/8/24 at 12:57 PM, the CNA delivered the last resident meal.</p> <p>On 5/8/24 at 12:58 PM, the DD informed the surveyor that hot food should be served at 135 F or higher, and cold food should be 41 F or lower. At this time, the DD using the calibrated thin probe digital thermometer obtained the following food temperatures:</p> <p>Regular meal texture:</p> <p>Barbecue chicken 145 F</p> <p>Scalloped potatoes 141 F</p> <p>Lima beans 129 F</p> <p>Whole milk 56 F</p> <p>Yogurt 69 F</p> <p>Regular alternative meal texture:</p> <p>Sausage and pepper sandwich 121 F</p> <p>Lima beans 129 F</p> <p>Mechanical soft meal texture:</p> <p>Chopped chicken 108 F</p> <p>Scalloped potatoes 141 F</p> <p>Lima beans 124 F</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0812</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Procure food from sources approved or considered satisfactory and store, prepare, distribute and serve food in accordance with professional standards.</p> <p>38080</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and review of pertinent facility documents, it was determined that the facility failed to a.) store, label, and date potentially hazardous foods to prevent food-borne illness; b.) discard potentially hazardous foods past their date of expiration; and c.) maintain storage areas in a sanitary manner. This deficient practice was evidenced by the following:</p> <p>On 5/2/24 at 8:49 AM, the surveyor with the Dietary Director (DD) toured the kitchen and observed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The handwashing sink had no paper towels. The DD acknowledged there should be paper towels by the sink at all times. 2. In the walk-in refrigerator, one gallon of ranch dressing dated opened 3/30/24. The rim of the bottle, lid, and outside of the container all contained ranch dressing spillage. The DD acknowledged the bottle should have been cleaned after use to prevent bacterial growth. 3. In the walk-in refrigerator, one opened jug of salsa dated received 1/18/24. The was no opened date, and the packaging indicated best within seven to ten days after opening. 4. In the walk-in refrigerator, one gallon of hot sauce dated opened 4/30/24. The outside of the container and rim contained hot sauce spillage. 5. In the walk-in refrigerator, one-gallon jar of dill pickle chips. The lid of the container had a large slit in the top exposing the inside contents to air, and there was visible condensation in the bottle. The DD stated the slit was made with a knife to open the jar more easily. The DD confirmed the contents should not be exposed to air. 6. In the walk-in refrigerator, one opened gallon of sweet relish dated received 7/6/23 with no opened date. The packaging indicated to use by 4/20/24. There was green fuzzy debris on the outside packaging and the inside contents. 7. In the walk-in refrigerator, one opened gallon of French dressing dated received 1/8/24. There was no date when opened. The DD stated dressing was good for three months after opening. 8. In the reach-in refrigerator, one five-pound container of sour cream opened with no date. The packaging indicated to use by 5/28/24. 9. In the reach-in refrigerator, two opened boxes of portion control packets of sour cream dated use by 2/2/24. The one box contained approximately twenty packets, and the second box contained approximately forty packets. 10. In the reach-in refrigerator, one opened box of portion control containers of cream cheese. The box contained approximately twenty containers, and was dated received 10/19/23 with no use by date. <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0812</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>11. The ice cream freezer chest had ice accumulation on the sides approximately one-inch thick as well as the inside of the sliding glass doors. The ice accumulation prevented the DD from sliding the freezer door opened from the left side. The DD acknowledged the ice accumulation prevented air circulation and was a sanitation concern.</p> <p>12. In the milk refrigerated box, one opened half gallon container of milk not dated when opened.</p> <p>13. In the Cook's refrigerator, one portion control container of cole slaw with no date when prepared or when to use by.</p> <p>14. In the Cook's refrigerator, a bin which contained sliced provolone cheese dated opened 3/6/24, and additional undated package that was dried that contained no date. The DD identified the second packaging as provolone cheese and stated both packages should be discarded.</p> <p>15. In the Cook's refrigerator, a container of sliced tomatoes labeled prepared 4/28/24 and discard 5/1/24.</p> <p>16. In dry storage, the door was being held open by a box of condensed tomato soup that was placed directly on the floor. The box contained five fifty-ounce cans of soup with the lids that contained black debris. The DD acknowledged food should not be stored on the floor, and the lids should remain free of debris and dust.</p> <p>17. In dry storage on the can rack, one large can with no manufacture's product label. The can contained a label that indicated pears, and there was a large visible dent on the can. The DD acknowledged dented cans should not be with inventory.</p> <p>18. In dry storage on the can rack, one large can with no manufacture's label or written label. The can was written in black marker TD, and the DD stated he did not know what the product was or how long it had been there.</p> <p>On 5/8/24 at 10:40 AM, the surveyor interviewed the DD in the presence of the Licensed Nursing Home Administrator (LNHA) who confirmed the cream cheese packets were only good for six months so should have been discarded; milk was only good for seven days once opened; salad dressing was good for two months after opening; and sour cream was only good for two weeks after opening.</p> <p>On 5/10/24 at 10:21 AM, the LNHA in the presence of the Director of Nursing (DON) and survey team, acknowledged the kitchen findings.</p> <p>A review of the facility's Food Storage policy dated reviewed February 2018, included dry food and food supplies shall be stored in a clean, dry location not exposed to splash, dust, or other contamination .all foods and supplies will be stored at least six feet off the floor .food packages shall be in good condition and protect the integrity of the contents so that the food is not exposed to adulteration or potential contaminants .the inside surfaces of any refrigeration units must be free of chipping, cracking, corrosion, debris, moisture, ice build-up, and condensation .</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 45209</p> <p>Based on observations, interviews, and review of pertinent facility documents, it was determined that the facility failed to a.) perform hand hygiene during and after medication administration; b.) perform hand hygiene before and after serving residents meals; and c.) maintain enhanced barrier precautions to maintain infection control standards. This deficient practice was identified on 2 of 3 nursing units (Second and Third Floor), and was evidenced by the following:</p> <p>1. On 5/8/24 at 10:29 AM, the surveyor observed Unit Manager/Licensed Practical Nurse (UM/LPN #1) perform tracheostomy (a small surgical opening that is made through the front of the neck into the windpipe) care on Resident #47 and observed the following:</p> <p>UM/LPN #1 performed hand hygiene with soap and water lathering outside the flow of running water for thirteen seconds and put on a pair of gloves. UM/LPN #1 then cleaned the bedside table and removed the pair of gloves, and performed hand hygiene with soap and water lathering outside the flow of running water for ten seconds.</p> <p>At 10:40 AM, UM/LPN #1 opened the tracheostomy kit and touched the inside of the sterile items with their gloved hand; then proceeded to change gloves without performing hand hygiene. UM/LPN #1 then applied the left sterile glove by touching the palm area with the right non-sterile glove hand.</p> <p>During tracheostomy care from 10:44 AM to 10:48 AM, UM/LPN #1 completed a glove change without performing hand hygiene in between.</p> <p>On 5/8/24 at 11:00 AM, the surveyor interviewed UM/LPN #1 who confirmed that handwashing was not completed for the required 15-20 seconds lathering outside the flow of running water, and that alcohol based hand rub (ABHR) should have been used between glove changes. UM/LPN #1 also admitted that sterility was broken upon opening the tracheostomy kit and while applying gloves.</p> <p>On 5/8/24 at 11:02 AM, the surveyor interviewed the Infection Preventionist/Registered Nurse (IP/RN) who stated that hand sanitizing using ABHR was required between every resident, but was not able to answer if hand hygiene was necessary between glove changes. When asked regarding opening sterile packing, if touching the inside items with a gloved hand or applying a sterile glove with a non-sterile glove was best practice, the IP/RN answered no, sterile was sterile. The IP also confirmed that hand washing should be at least 20 to 30 seconds lathering outside the flow of running water.</p> <p>On 5/8/24 at 1:39 PM, the surveyor interviewed the Director of Nursing (DON) who acknowledged that hand hygiene should be completed between glove changes; hand hygiene with soap and water lathering for twenty second outside the flow of running water, and and you would not touch the inside of a sterile object or glove with a non-sterile glove.</p> <p>A review of the facility's undated Competency Tracheostomy Care document included .remove gloves and perform hand hygiene .</p> <p>A review of the facility's undated Protocol for Suctioning of Tracheostomy Tube document included .use sterile technique to open package .designate a sterile and non-sterile hand .</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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