

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  315332	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  06/06/2025
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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>Complaints: NJ00176578, NJ00181499, NJ00184013, NJ00184932</p> <p>Based on interviews, record review, and review of other pertinent facility documents on 06/04/2025 and 06/06/2025, it was determined that the facility failed to ensure that a resident received treatment and care in accordance with professional standards of practice, by failing to ensure that; a.) medications were administered according to Physician orders (POs), b.) bloodwork was obtained and faxed according to POs, and c.) Physicians were notified that medications were not administered or available. This deficient practice was identified for 1 out of 3 residents reviewed for quality of care (Resident #5). This deficient practice was evidenced by the following:</p> <p>Reference: New Jersey Statutes, Annotated Title 45, Chapter 11. Nursing Board. The Nurse Practice Act for the state of New Jersey states: The practice of nursing as a registered professional nurse is defined as diagnosing and treating human responses to actual or potential physical and emotional health problems, through such services as case finding, health teaching, health counseling and provision of care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being, and executing medical regimes as prescribed by a licensed or otherwise legally authorized physician or dentist.</p> <p>Review of Resident #5's undated admission RECORD revealed that Resident #5 was admitted to the facility with diagnosis that included but were not limited to acute myeloblastic leukemia (AML) (an aggressive cancer of the blood and bone marrow), not having achieved remission; anemia, unspecified; post-traumatic stress disorder; muscle weakness (unspecified); chronic kidney disease; and difficulty walking, not elsewhere classified.</p> <p>Review of Resident #5's Minimum Data Set (MDS), an assessment tool dated 07/04/2024, was conducted. The MDS revealed that Resident #5 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 6 out of 15, which indicated that the resident had severely impaired cognition.</p> <p>Review of Resident#5's Medication Review Report (MRR), was conducted. The MRR revealed POs that included but were not limited to:</p> <p>Epoetin Alfa Injection Solution (a medication used to treat anemia by helping the body produce red blood cells) 1000 UNIT/ML (milliliter). Inject 2 ml subcutaneously one time a day every 7 days for anemia. HOLD RETACRIT (another name for epoetin alfa) IF HGB (hemoglobin) EXCEEDS 10. The order start date was 06/30/2024.</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 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During a follow-up interview on 06/06/2025 at 1:19 P.M., the DON confirmed that no documentation of physician notification was available for the NN codes or blanks in the MAR on the aforementioned dates. The DON confirmed that there was no documentation that a physician was notified that Resident #5's labs were not drawn or that results were not available. The DON further stated that if lab results were not available, the expectation was that a doctor was notified, and labs were obtained as soon as possible.</p> <p>A follow-up telephone interview was conducted with Resident #5's physician, the facility's Medical Director (MD) on 06/10/2025 at 2:09 P.M. The MD stated that when medication were ordered it was his expectation that they were given. The MD stated that if ordered labs were not obtained he expected to have been notified. The MD stated, medications are ordered for a reason and we need to be informed if medications are not given because it can affect what we do next, it can guide our decisions. The MD further stated that Resident #5's Oncologist (ONC) should have been notified if Venclexta was not given.</p> <p>A telephone interview was conducted with Resident #5's ONC on 06/12/2025 at 1:50 P.M. The ONC stated that Resident #5 was treated for an aggressive form of AML. The ONC stated that Venclexta was part of the resident's chemotherapy regimen and timing of this medication was very important because it was part of a combination treatment. The ONC stated that he was not aware that Resident #5 had missed doses of Venclexta. The ONC further stated that it was his expectation that he would have been notified of missed doses of Venclexta.</p> <p>The facility Charge Nurse- LPN (job code NCL1) job description with a revision date of 6/16/17 was reviewed. On page 1 of 6 under POSITION SUMMARY, the job description revealed, [ . ] The Charge Nurse-LPN ensures the delivery of efficient and effective nursing care while achieving positive clinical outcomes and patient/family satisfaction. Page 2 of 6 of the job description document revealed under Clinical Leadership, 2.11 Ensures that Physician Orders are followed as prescribed; [ . ] 2.13 Ensures that patient's attending physician and family or responsible party are promptly notified of any significant change in the patient's health condition;</p> <p>The facility policy NSG115 Physician/Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Notification, with a revision date of 12/16/2024 was reviewed. The policy revealed on page 1 of 2 under POLICY, Upon identification of a patient who has a change in condition, abnormal laboratory values, or abnormal diagnostic, a licensed nurse will: [.] Collect pertinent patient information (e.g., age, diagnoses, .labs, recent changes in medications, [ . ] etc.), Report to physician/advanced practice provider (APP). If unable to contact attending physician/APP, the Medical Director will be contacted. Page 1 of 2 of the policy revealed under PURPOSE, To support effective communication and notification of physicians/APPs.</p> <p>N.J.A.C. : 8:39-27.1 (a)</p>		