

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 315513	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 11/27/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER The Subacute at Autumn Lake Healthcare		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 113 Route 73 Voorhees, NJ 08043	

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<p>F 0561</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>Honor the resident's right to and the facility must promote and facilitate resident self-determination through support of resident choice.</p> <p>51144</p> <p>Complaint #: NJ00180094</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, it was determined that the facility failed to appropriately respond to a resident family's request regarding resident food preferences and follow the facility policy related to resident self-determination. This deficient practice was identified for 1 of 1 resident reviewed for choices (Resident #3) and was evidenced by the following:</p> <p>A review of the Admission Record (AR) reflected that Resident #3 was admitted to the facility with diagnoses which included but were not limited to dysphagia, pharyngeal phase (difficulty swallowing); other lack of coordination; and need for assistance with personal care.</p> <p>According to the most recent Minimum Data Set (MDS), an assessment tool, Resident #3 had a Brief Interview of Mental Status (BIMS) score of 5 out of 15, which indicated the resident's cognition was severely impaired.</p> <p>During a unit tour on 11/26/2024 at 11:57 A.M., the surveyor observed a large sign with large writing that read please do not feed pudding or milk on the room door of Resident #3. No milk, no pudding was also observed written on the whiteboard in Resident #3's room. The same signage remained in place during a meal observation on 11/27/2024.</p> <p>During a lunchtime meal observation on the third floor on 11/27/2024 at 12:44 P.M., the surveyor observed Resident #3's meal tray arrive. The tray contained a clear plastic cup filled with a creamy appearing yellow substance. The Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) confirmed that the creamy yellow substance was pudding.</p> <p>During an interview on 11/27/2024 at 1:01 P.M., the ADON stated that Resident #3's family placed the signs about pudding on the resident's door. The ADON stated that if pudding was against the family's preferences, then it should not have been on the resident's tray. The ADON further stated that Nurses or Dieticians were responsible to notify the kitchen of this type of preference.</p> <p>During an interview on 11/27/2024 at 1:15 P.M., Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) #2 stated everyone should follow resident preferences. LPN #2 went on to state that the person who was notified of a resident's preference should have made other staff aware. LPN #2 stated that everyone could have passed Resident #3's preference for no pudding along to dietary.</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 0561</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>The undated facility policy Resident Self Determination and Participation (Schedules) was reviewed. Under the section titled Policy Explanation and Compliance Guidelines the document revealed According to federal regulations the resident has the right to [.] c. Make choices about aspects of his or her life in the facility that are significant to the resident.</p> <p>Review of the Policy Explanation and Compliance Guidelines section of the Resident Self Determination and Participation (Schedules) policy document further revealed If the resident is unable to communicate preferences, the resident's family members should be asked for input.</p> <p>NJAC 8:39-17.4 (a)1</p>

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<p>F 0808</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>Ensure therapeutic diets are prescribed by the attending physician and may be delegated to a registered or licensed dietitian, to the extent allowed by State law.</p> <p>51144</p> <p>Complaint #: NJ00180094</p> <p>Based on interviews, medical record review, and review of other pertinent facility documentation on 11/26/2024 and 11/27/2024, it was determined that: the facility failed to provide the correct therapeutic diet to a cognitively impaired resident (Resident #3) with a known diagnosis of dysphagia, pharyngeal phase who had a physician's order and plan of care for ground diet and required feeding assistance. It was determined that on 11/12/2024 a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) delivered a meal tray containing a regular texture meal to Resident #3, who had orders for a ground diet. The regular texture meal was left with Resident #3. The CNA confirmed that Resident #3's meal tray included corn and tortillas that were not ground texture. The resident's family arrived shortly after the tray was left with Resident #3 and observed the resident with food in her/his mouth. The family reported to facility staff that Resident #3 was choking. The facility also failed to follow its policies titled Therapeutic Diet Orders and Comprehensive Care Plans. This deficient practice was identified for 1of 3 residents (Resident #3) reviewed for therapeutic diet orders and posed a hazard to residents with the need for mechanically altered diets. This deficient practice had the potential to result in serious injury or death.</p> <p>The past noncompliance and Immediate Jeopardy began on 11/12/24 and ended on 11/13/2024 after the facility implemented a systemic plan before this complaint survey began. The facility's plan included the following:</p> <p>On 11/12/2024 Resident #3 was assessed for aspiration precautions.</p> <p>On 11/12/2024 Resident #3's physician was notified of the incident.</p> <p>On 11/12/2024 the DON (Director of Nursing) was notified of the incident.</p> <p>On 11/12/2024 at 2:00 P.M., the CNA was in-serviced regarding verification of tray and ticket information.</p> <p>On 11/13/2024 resident care staff was in-serviced regarding meal tray accuracy.</p> <p>On 11/13/2024 kitchen staff were in-serviced regarding ensuring resident meals are of the correct texture.</p> <p>On 11/13/2024 the [NAME] on shift at the time of the incident was given an Employee Corrective Action related to failure to follow the meal tracker ticket as read.</p> <p>On 11/13/2024, 11/14/2024, 11/15/2024, 11/16/2024, and 11/17/2024 tray accuracy audits were performed for Resident #3's breakfast, lunch, and dinner trays. 100% accuracy was documented.</p> <p>On 11/13/2024 the facility initiated weekly meal tray audits for texture meals and tray accuracy for all residents.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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