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F 0686 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Provide appropriate pressure ulcer care and prevent new ulcers from developing. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observations, interviews and record reviews conducted during a survey, the facility failed to ensure that a resident with pressure ulcers (ulcers on the skin due to prolong pressure) received necessary treatment and services, consistent with professional standards of practice, to promote healing, and prevent infection for three (3) (Residents #14, #57, and #207) of eight (8) residents reviewed for pressure ulcers. Specifically, there was lack of initial staging, description and measurements of pressure ulcers upon admission (Resident #57), there was a delay in initiating treatment and lack of an assessment to determine the type of wound present upon admission (Resident #207), and lack of weekly monitoring, including a description and measurements of pressure ulcers (Resident #14). Additionally, treatments were not documented as completed (Residents #57 and #14) and there was a delay in initiating a wound consultant recommendation (Resident #14). The findings include: The facility policy and procedure titled Documentation of Pressure Ulcer and Chronic Wounds dated 6/23 documented risk factors will be identified, monitored and documented on the Skin Risk Data Collection Tool; upon admission, then quarterly or whenever there is a change in condition. An ongoing inspection and assessment of all pressure sores and chronic wounds will be conducted weekly and as needed. All pressure ulcers wound dressing will be inspected daily. The Assistant Director of Nursing (or skin nurse as designated by the Director of Nursing) will be the official baseline and subsequent reference point for all skin/wound assessments. The policy documented the Assistant Director of Nursing or designee was responsible for initiating the weekly skin status evaluation when a pressure ulcer is identified. The template contains the following: type of area, site, stage, description characteristics, treatment, debridement, exudate (drainage), pain management, teaching and additional comments. The facility policy and procedure titled Physician Orders dated 7/2025 documented the policy was to assure that medication/treatment orders are implemented accurately, timely and in accordance with the Health Code of the State of New York and Federal Government regulations. 1. Resident #57 had diagnoses including kidney transplant failure, dependence on renal dialysis and chronic kidney disease. The Minimum Data Set (a resident assessment tool) dated 05/02/2026 documented Resident #57 had moderate cognitive impairment, was understood, and understands. The assessment tool documented the resident had three (3) stage II (partial-thickness skin loss into but not deeper than the dermis) pressure ulcers that were present upon admission. The Comprehensive Care Plan revised on 05/11/2026, documented Resident #57 was at risk for impaired skin integrity related to stage II ulcers to their right and left buttock. Interventions included administering preventative treatment per medical doctor order, monitoring skin for changes daily during care; apply moisture barrier following incontinence care, turn and reposition every two (2)- (4) four hours, pressure reduction mattress and skin risk tool per policy. The care plan documented Resident #57 had impaired skin integrity related to pressure area to their buttocks. Interventions included to administer treatment per medical doctor's order, evaluate and measure skin/wound sites at least weekly and document outcome and treatment progress/changes, monitor for infection; and medical provider evaluation as needed. Review of the Nursing admission Evaluation dated 04/28/2026 at 9:32 PM, Licensed Practical Nurse #4 Unit Coordinator documented Resident #57 had open areas to (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 0686 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Nurse #2 Director of Subacute stated if redness to buttocks is noted during an initial skin evaluation, it usually is not staged, Licensed Practical Nurses are just describing the skin and then there should be a Registered Nurse follow up on the admission skin assessment. They stated they did not follow Resident #207 but that any Registered Nurse could follow up on an admission skin assessment to determine if redness to buttocks is something or nothing. They stated it was important to determine if the area was blanchable versus non-blanchable (refers to whether skin redness temporarily turns white (blanches) when pressed), or pressure versus moisture associated skin damage. They stated they did not know if the redness to Resident #207's buttocks was blanchable or not, or if a treatment should have been initiated. They stated they did not know if the redness was pressure or moisture related. They stated they did not recall being made aware of the redness to Resident #207's buttocks and it was their responsibility to follow up on abnormal skin conditions and document it. They stated it would have been important to monitor the redness on Resident #207's buttocks to monitor for worsening, improvement, and need for further interventions. During an interview on 05/08/2026 at 11:26 AM, Registered Nurse #2 Director of Subacute stated Licensed Practical Nurse #4 Unit Coordinator can only describe wounds, they cannot assess them. They reviewed Resident #207's Nursing Weekly Skin Status Documentation dated upon their admission, 01/28/2026, in the electronic medical record and stated there should have been an order for house cream with zinc to be applied to Resident #207's bilateral buttocks as treatment of documented redness. During an interview on 05/08/2026 at 11:30 AM, Registered Nurse #1 Unit Coordinator stated they did not personally assess the redness to Resident #207 buttocks, but when redness is seen, a treatment order should be put into place to prevent further skin breakdown. They stated they are not trained in wounds and Registered Nurse #2 Director of Subacute would have determined if the redness to Resident #207 buttocks was pressure related. Registered Nurse #1 Unit Coordinator stated they could not recall if they brought Resident #207's skin condition to the attention of Registered Nurse #2 Director of Subacute. They stated Registered Nurse #2 Director of Subacute or themselves were responsible to ensure a treatment was followed through on and did not know why there was not a treatment ordered upon admission. During an interview on 05/08/2026 at 11:36 AM, Nurse Practitioner #1 stated the treatment order dated 02/05/2026 for Clindamycin-Tretinoin External Gel 1.2-0.025 percent had a typo, the treatment was for a rash, not Hidradenitis Suppurativa. They stated Resident #207 had a pimple like rash. They stated if they saw the rash they most likely only saw Resident #207's thigh area and not their buttocks. They stated if they had observed any bleeding they would have written that in their exam note for that day. Nurse Practitioner #1 stated it was important for abnormal skin findings to be brought to medical providers' attention for proper treatment to ensure there is no infection and proper treatment orders. They stated if Resident #207 had an open wound on their buttocks it should have been followed by the wound team, documented and followed up on. During a telephone interview on 05/08/2026 at 12:05 PM, Licensed Practical Nurse #4 Unit Coordinator stated upon admission residents' skin were checked and any skin concerns are documented. They stated open areas are communicated to Registered Nurse #2 Director of Subacute and they are given recommendations. They stated they are not allowed to stage pressure ulcers, that staging must be completed by a Registered Nurse. They stated if redness was observed, treatment should be implemented for protection or to prevent further progression. They stated they would not notify Registered Nurse #2 Director of Subacute of redness because they could address it themselves. During an interview on 05/13/2026 at 11:13 AM, the Director of Nursing stated they expected a complete skin assessment, full head to toe skin check, to be completed upon admission. They stated skin deterioration can happen very quickly and that areas of skin concern should be passed along to a Registered Nurse as soon as possible. They stated a house barrier cream treatment would be recommended to be applied to skin that was reddened and would be on the resident's treatment administration record. The Director of Nursing stated the treatment would be part of the residents' orders. They stated all Registered Nurses should be able to stage pressure ulcer/injury and (continued on next page)		

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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER North Gate Health Care Facility		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 7264 Nash Road North Tonawanda, NY 14120	
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