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F 0692 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	Provide enough food/fluids to maintain a resident's health. Based on observations and interviews during the survey, the facility failed to ensure residents maintained acceptable parameters of nutritional status for three (3) of three (3) Residents (Residents #6, #43, and #74) reviewed. Specifically, Residents #6, #43, and #74 had severe weight loss, which was not addressed by the medical provider and their nutritional needs were not reassessed by the registered dietitian. Additionally, the registered dietitian recommended the addition of Liquacel (liquid protein supplement) for Resident #6 and there was no documented evidence the supplement was ordered. Failure to assess and address nutritional status resulted in immediate jeopardy to Residents #6, #43, and #74 and placed all residents with altered nutritional status at risk for serious harm, serious injury, serious impairment or death. Findings include: The facility policy Admission, Nutrition Assessment and Care Plan, revised 01/23/2026, documented nutritional problems, goals, and plan were documented in the interdisciplinary care plan. The Nutrition Assessment and interdisciplinary care plan was reviewed and adjusted at least quarterly according to the residents' needs. Additional progress notes were written at any time as the residents' conditions dictated, this included weight changes. The facility policy Weights, revised 01/06/2026, documented the facility monitored, recorded, and evaluated each resident's weights routinely as an indicator of overall health status and take corrective action as necessary. The nursing staff obtained weights unless there was a medical order for No Weights. If a resident had a weight change of five (5) pounds nursing staff obtained a re-weight within 24 hours. Nursing staff notified Dietary services of weight changes of five (5) pounds. Dietary Services addressed weight changes. Any refusals were documented in the resident's medical record. The undated facility policy Standards of Care, documented the registered dietitian used their clinical judgment and the following guidelines to determine estimated nutritional needs. The Standards of Care documented estimated calorie needs for females with unintended weights loss/weight maintenance for healthy older adults was 25-35 calories per kilogram of body weight and 30-20 calories per kilogram of body weight for males. 1) Resident #43 had diagnoses including heart failure, chronic kidney disease, and anxiety. The 11/20/2025 Minimum Data Set (a resident assessment tool) documented that the resident had moderate cognitive impairment, did not reject care, required set up or clean up assistance with eating, was 65 inches tall, weighed 111 pounds, and had unplanned weight loss of 5% or more at one (1) month or 10% or more in the past six (6) months. The 08/21/2025 Comprehensive Care Plan initiated, revised 12/02/2025, documented the resident required optimal nutrient and fluid intakes related to weight management. Interventions included interventions per nutrition standards of care, provide diet as ordered, assistance as needed, and snacks and supplements as accepting. (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 0684 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observations, record review, and interviews during the recertification survey, the facility failed to ensure residents received treatment and care in accordance with professional standards of practice, the comprehensive person-centered care plan, and the residents' choices for one (1) of one (1) resident (Resident #6) reviewed. Specifically, -Resident #6 required a colostomy (a surgical opening in the abdomen that allows stool to pass out of the body) and did not have orders for changing the appliance and was not provided with appropriate colostomy supplies.-Resident #6 required use of a urostomy (surgical opening in the abdomen that allows urine to pass out of the body) and there were no orders to change the appliance. -the person-centered comprehensive care plan did not include the diagnoses of diabetes mellitus and insulin use, use of an anticoagulant (blood thinner), or the use of opiates (narcotic pain medication). -the physician was not notified when the resident had low blood pressure. Findings include: The facility policy Colostomy and Ileostomy Appliance Care, Long-Term Care, revised 12/15/2025, documented a resident with a colostomy wore an external pouch to collect emerging fecal matter. The pouching system that a resident used depended on which type provided the best adhesive seal and skin protection. Documentation associated with colostomy appliance care included the date and time the pouching system was applied or changed, the drainage characteristics, the appearance of the stoma and surrounding skin, and type of appliance applied. The facility policy Urostomy Care, Home Care, revised 12/15/2025 documented the resident was required to wear a urine collection appliance or pouching system. Nursing care included the stoma and surrounding skin was assessed, and the pouching system was emptied and replaced. Documentation included the date and time of urostomy care, the amount and characteristics of urine in the pouch, as well as stoma and surrounding skin assessment. The facility policy [Minimum Data Set] Assessment and Care Plans, revised 06/02/2025, documented care plans reflected the residents' medical and nursing assessment. The facility policy Notification of Changes to Provider, effective 01/23/2026, documented any unusual change in vital signs was reported to a physician/ nurse practitioner in a timely manner with documented evidence noted in the clinical electronic medical record by the licensed nurse. Resident #6 had diagnoses including diabetes, colostomy and urostomy status, and long term use of insulin, anticoagulants, and opiates. The 01/16/2026 Minimum Data Set assessment (a health status assessment tool) documented the resident was cognitively intact, had diagnoses of high blood pressure, low blood pressure with position changes, and diabetes, had a colostomy and a urostomy, and received insulin, anticoagulants, and opiates. The Comprehensive Care Plan initiated 11/25/2025 documented the resident had a colostomy bowel appliance. Interventions included the appliance was changed weekly with shower and emptied every shift and as needed and the drainage bag was emptied as needed. The care plan did not include the specific type of appliance. The resident had a urostomy appliance. Interventions included intake and output were monitored per facility policy, and signs and symptoms of discomfort on urination and frequency were monitored. The care plan did not include the specific type of appliance or frequency the drainage bag was emptied or changed. The person-centered care plan did not address the diagnosis of diabetes, or the use of insulin, anticoagulants, and opiates. Physician orders documented:-On 01/13/2026 colostomy and urostomy care every shift.-On 01/13/2026 hydromorphone hydrochloride (opiate) oral tablet 4 milligrams every 12 hours as needed for moderate/ severe pain-On 01/14/2026 apixaban (anticoagulant) oral tablet 5 milligrams, give a half tablet by mouth twice daily for a history of deep vein thrombosis (blood clot).-On 01/14/2026 Humalog mix 50/50 subcutaneous suspension (short acting insulin) as per sliding scale (amount of insulin is based on blood sugar results) subcutaneously with meals for diabetes mellitus. There was no documented evidence of physician orders to change the colostomy or urostomy appliances.On 01/28/2026 at 12:00 AM the Vitals Summary by Registered Nurse #27 documented a blood pressure of 82/58 (low).There was no documented evidence that the physician (continued on next page)		

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F 0684 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	the resident was using urostomy supplies for their colostomy. They ordered colostomy supplies on 02/03/2026 and ordered 5 bags and 5 wafers of all 3 sizes because they did not know which size was needed. This last shipment they asked nursing staff to keep in the medication room so they could keep a better eye on it and order more supplies when they were down to 1-2. Ostomy appliances should be changed weekly on shower days. They referenced the resident's orders and did not see an order to change their urostomy and colostomy appliances on shower days. If there was no documentation, there was no proof it was done. The provider was notified for a blood pressure that was lower than 90. Diabetic residents had a care plan for that diagnosis. There were also care plans for high-risk medications, like insulin, anticoagulants, and opiates. Care plan would alert the staff what side effects to monitor for. In reviewing Resident #6's care plan, they did not have a diabetic care plan, or a care plan for their high-risk medications of insulin, anticoagulant, and opiates. The resident had been back and forth so much from the hospital, and they must have missed it. 10 New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations 415.12		

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F 0804 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Ensure food and drink is palatable, attractive, and at a safe and appetizing temperature. Based on observation and interviews during the recertification survey, the facility failed to ensure residents were provided food and drink that was palatable, flavorful, and at an appetizing temperature for one (1) of one (1) meal reviewed (the 02/09/2026 lunch meal) and 10 of 10 anonymous residents during a resident council meeting. Specifically, food was not served at palatable and appetizing temperatures during the lunch meal on 02/09/2026 and 10 anonymous residents during a resident council meeting stated the food was cold. Findings include: The facility policy Food Safety and Infection Control, last revised 07/02/2025, documented food and sauces were held at a temperature of 135 degrees Fahrenheit. The 11/24/2025 Test Tray Audit form documented entrees, soups and hot beverages should be 135 degrees Fahrenheit or above. During a meal observation on 02/09/2026 at 12:26 PM, Resident #46 was served their lunch tray. A replacement tray was ordered, and Resident #46's original meal tray was tested. At 12:26 PM, Registered Nurse #14 verified the measured food temperatures. The chicken tenders measured 114 degrees Fahrenheit and were chewy. During an interview on 02/02/2026 at 12:44 PM Resident #46 stated food was cold, there was no variety and the quality was poor. During an interview on 02/10/2026 at 03:30 PM, the Food Service Director stated they had a monthly food council where residents talked about flavors and textures of food. They had never heard of cold food complaints. They completed food temperature checks at the start of the meal services. Hot food should be served at 135 degrees Fahrenheit and should be palatable. If the temperature was not in the danger zone it was ok. The chicken tenders should be hotter than 114 degrees Fahrenheit and not chewy. The food might be getting soft in transit to the floors. They stated when they placed the lid on it the steam could make the product chewy. 10 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations 415.14(d)(1)(2)		

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F 0580 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Immediately tell the resident, the resident's doctor, and a family member of situations (injury/decline/room, etc.) that affect the resident. Based on observations, record review, and interviews during the recertification survey, the facility failed to consult with the physician when there was a significant change in the resident's physical status for one (1) of one (1) resident (Resident #6) reviewed. Specifically, Resident #6 returned from the emergency department on 01/30/2026 with a diagnosis of clostridioides difficile (a highly contagious bacteria causing diarrhea) and instructions to start vancomycin (an antibiotic) 125 milligram capsule every six (6) hours for ten (10) days and the physician was not notified. Subsequently, the antibiotic was not ordered until five days later on 02/04/2026. Findings include: The facility policy, Admission/ readmission Process of a New Resident, revised 01/23/2026, documented if a resident was admitted to the facility without discharge orders, nursing staff would contact the discharging facility. The nurse manager/ designee would discuss the resident's condition, status, and orders with the medical provider. The facility policy, Notification of Changes to Provider, effective 01/23/2026 documented that physician/ provider was notified of any changes in physical or mental status or any unusual occurrences of the residents by the charge nurse. Notification was documented in the progress notes of the residents' chart. Consult/ emergency department recommendations were reported to the physician/ nurse practitioner in a timely manner with documented evidence noted in the clinical electronic medical record by the licensed nurse. Resident #6 had diagnoses including kidney disease with dialysis (filtration of blood when kidneys do not function properly), diabetes, and colostomy (surgical opening from intestine that redirects stool into a collection bag). The 01/16/2026 Minimum Data Set assessment documented the resident had intact cognition, required set up/clean up assistance with toileting, and had an ostomy appliance. The Comprehensive Care Plan initiated 11/25/2025 documented the resident had a colostomy appliance. Interventions included emptying the drainage bag as needed, changing the appliance weekly with shower, emptying every shift and as needed, and gastroenterology consult as ordered. The 01/30/2026 hospital after visit summary documented diagnoses including clostridioides difficile diarrhea. Instructions included to start vancomycin 125 mg capsule every 6 hours for 10 days. The 01/30/2026 at 10:47 PM Licensed Practical Nurse #20 progress note documented the resident returned from the emergency department around 6:00 PM. No new orders were found with the resident. There was a new diagnosis of clostridioides difficile, and all precautions were in place. The 02/04/2026 physician orders documented vancomycin 125 mg capsule every 6 hours for 14 days for clostridioides difficile and contact/gastrointestinal precautions maintained. During an observation and interview on 02/02/2026 at 12:44 PM, there was a gastrointestinal precaution sign on the resident's door. The resident was lying in bed and stated they were on precautions and antibiotics for a diagnosis of clostridioides difficile. During an interview on 02/06/2026 at 2:20 PM, Certified Nurse Aide #15 stated Resident #6 was on precautions because they had clostridioides difficile. During an interview on 02/10/2026 at 10:09 AM, Resident #6 stated the emergency department told them they were going to start an antibiotic. The hospital did not provide discharge paperwork and said they would send the paperwork over to the facility. During a telephone interview on 02/10/2026 at 11:43 AM, Licensed Practical Nurse #20 stated they were assigned Resident #6 when they returned to the facility with a clostridioides difficile diagnosis. The resident did not return with paperwork, and they stated they should have called the emergency department, but they did not. They should have also called the provider on call and let them know, but they did not. The resident's spouse told them the resident had clostridioides difficile. Residents were usually on vancomycin for clostridioides difficile, but they were not sure if Resident #6 had an order for that antibiotic. Antibiotics should be given as soon as possible after an infection was identified. During an interview on 02/10/2026 at 10:59 AM, Registered Nurse Manager #12 stated if a resident returned without discharge paperwork, the nurse assigned was responsible to call the emergency department and request the paperwork. The nurse assigned to (continued on next page)		

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F 0580 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	the resident was also responsible for notifying the provider. They stated in report the following Monday morning (02/02/2026) they were informed Resident #6 had clostridioides difficile. They did not look at the paperwork or see if the resident was ordered an antibiotic. During an interview on 02/10/2026 at 4:05 PM, Nurse Practitioner #5 stated when residents went to the hospital or returned to the hospital, it was discussed in morning report. They were not made aware of Resident #6's 1/30/2026 emergency department visit until 02/04/2026 and that is when they ordered the antibiotic for their diagnoses of clostridioides difficile. They were not on call when the resident returned to the facility. They were upset that this was missed. They were one person and relied a lot on the nurses. 10 New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations 415.3(2)(ii)(a)		

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F 0698 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Provide safe, appropriate dialysis care/services for a resident who requires such services. Based on observation, record review, and interviews during the recertification survey, the facility failed to ensure that residents who required dialysis services (filtration of blood when the kidneys do not work efficiently) received such services consistent with professional standards of practice for one (1) of one (1) resident (Resident #6) reviewed. Specifically, Resident #6 received hemodialysis treatments at a community-based dialysis center and did not have on-going assessments and oversight before and after dialysis treatments, there was no documented evidence the resident's dialysis access site (Permacath, a central catheter) was routinely assessed, and there were no physician orders for dialysis, pre or post dialysis assessments, or dialysis vascular site monitoring. Findings include: The facility policy, Offsite Hemodialysis Care and Coordination, revised 12/31/2025, documented a continuous 24-hour communication process was maintained between the facility and the dialysis center. Before each treatment a licensed nurse monitored the resident's vital signs, weight, and general condition as ordered by the physician. The facility checked and monitored the resident's vascular access site. Upon the resident's return, the nursing staff performed an immediate assessment, including vital signs and an examination of the vascular access site for bleeding or other complications. Staff monitored post-dialysis symptoms such as dizziness, nausea, vomiting, or fatigue. Resident #6 had diagnoses including end stage kidney disease, dependence on renal dialysis, and diabetes. The 01/16/2026 Minimum Data Set assessment documented the resident was cognitively intact, was medically complex, had end stage kidney disease, and required dialysis treatments. The Comprehensive Care Plan initiated 11/25/2025 documented the resident received dialysis on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Interventions included the vascular access site was checked daily and as needed. The care plan did not specify the location, type of access site, or what specifically the site was checked for. There was no documented evidence of a physician order for dialysis, pre or post dialysis assessments, or dialysis vascular site monitoring. The dialysis and nursing home handoff communication tool documented the resident attended dialysis on 01/16/2026, 01/19/2026, 01/21/2026, 01/23/2026, 01/26/2026, 01/28/2026, 01/30/2026, 02/02/2026, 02/04/2026, and 02/06/2026. There was no documented evidence of a pre-dialysis evaluation on 01/23/2026. There was no documented evidence of a post-dialysis evaluation on 01/16/2026, 01/28/2026, and 02/02/2026. During an interview on 02/09/2026 at 1:59 PM, Certified Nurse Aide #15 stated Resident #6 left for dialysis at the time they started their shift. There was a binder that went with them. When the resident returned from dialysis, they got back in bed and had lunch. They stated they were careful with helping to take the resident's shirt off and pulling it down because they had a port. During an observation and interview on 02/10/2026 at 10:09 AM, Resident #5 was seated in their wheelchair in their room. The resident lifted their shirt for the surveyor, and they had a dual lumen right chest Permacath for dialysis, covered with a white dressing that was clean, dry, and intact. The lumens were also wrapped with a white dressing that was clean, dry and intact. The resident stated staff at the facility did not look at their access site and the dressing was changed at dialysis. During an interview on 02/10/2026 at 10:25 AM, Licensed Practical Nurse #19 stated when Resident #6 came back from dialysis they took their vital signs and documented them on the paper sheet. The resident had a right chest port, but they were not sure what it was called. They stated it was checked by the nurse every shift. They were not sure if this was documented anywhere. During an interview on 02/10/2026 at 10:59 AM, Registered Nurse Manager #12 stated there was a communication sheet for Resident #6 that was completed by the nurse before and after dialysis. If the communication sheet was not completed, there should be a nurse's note. The dialysis site was only checked on dialysis days. 10 New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations 415.12(k)		