

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 335834	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/24/2025
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<p>F 0695</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide safe and appropriate respiratory care for a resident when needed.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview, and record review conducted during the Abbreviated Survey (Complaint #NY00376929) the facility did not ensure that a resident who needs respiratory care, is provided such care, consistent with professional standards of practice, the comprehensive person-centered care plan, the residents' goals and preferences for one (1) (Resident #1) of three (3) reviewed. Specifically, a BiPAP machine (Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure machine used as a non-invasive respiratory support) was not provided until five days after admission to the facility.</p> <p>The finding is:</p> <p>The policy and procedure titled Resident Assessment Process revised 12/2022 documented the external data collection of medical documents begins at the time of admission from transferring institutions. These documents will assist the interdisciplinary team in the development of the comprehensive assessment. Data will be collected from various sources, not limited to hospitals. The internal collection process was conducted simultaneously of gathering information to validate, develop and assess the resident's current needs. The accumulation of medical information will allow the development of a Comprehensive Assessment Plan which will assist the resident to maintain his/her highest practical level of care and enhance the resident's quality of life.</p> <p>The policy and procedure titled admission Policy, Long Term Care revised 1/2024 documented an assessment of the resident's level of care needs will be performed prior to admission by or on behalf of the agency or person seeking admission for the resident.</p> <p>Resident #1 was admitted to the facility with diagnoses including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes mellitus, and anxiety. The Minimum Data Set (a resident assessment tool) dated 3/30/24 documented that Resident #1's memory was ok and an independent decision maker. The Minimum Data Set did not document the use of a BiPAP machine.</p> <p>The admission pre-screen with a locked date of 3/25/25 documented respiratory treatment/therapy that included the use of a BiPAP. The discharge planning note within the admission pre-screen documented Resident #1's baseline oxygen was maintained on five (5) liters of oxygen via nasal cannula and a BiPAP machine every night.</p> <p>The Hospital Discharge summary dated [DATE] documented chronic hypoxic hypercapnic (too much carbon dioxide in the blood stream) respiratory failure due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. BiPAP every night with settings 5 expiratory positive airway pressure (epap) and 12 inspiratory positive airway pressure (ipap).</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 0695</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The Skilled Nursing Facility admission Data Sheet signed, completed at 6:20 PM on 3/25/25 by Registered Nurse #3 documented oxygen use at five (5) liters via nasal cannula. There was no documented evidence Resident #1 required a BiPAP.</p> <p>The Baseline Resident Care plan with an effective date of 3/25/25 revealed a respiratory section which included boxes for BiPAP and oxygen. The boxes were blank.</p> <p>Nursing Progress Note dated 3/25/25 at 6:53 PM, Registered Nurse #3 documented Resident #1's respirations were full and easy on five liters of oxygen via nasal cannula. There was no documented evidence Resident #1 used a BiPAP machine.</p> <p>Nurse Practitioner #2's Progress Note dated 3/26/25 documented they ordered a BiPAP at night and as needed for sleep during the day.</p> <p>Review of the Order Summary Report revealed an active physician's order dated 3/26/25 for the BiPAP at night and as needed during the day. The settings were 5 expiratory positive airway pressure (epap) and 12 inspiratory positive airway pressure (ipap). There was no physician's order for the BiPAP upon the resident's admission to the facility.</p> <p>Review of the March 2025 Medication Administration Record revealed an active physician's order dated 3/26/25 for the use of a BiPAP machine at night and as needed during the day. On 3/26/25, 3/28/25, and 3/29/25 at 9:00 PM the number nine (9) was documented and referred to see the progress notes. On 3/27/25 the medical record was inaccurately documented as the BiPAP machine was not available in the facility until 3/30/25.</p> <p>Review of the Nursing Progress Notes dated 3/26/25 at 8:53 PM and 3/29/25 at 10:03 PM, Licensed Practical Nurse #1 documented Resident #1's BiPAP machine was not available. On 3/28/25 Licensed Practical Nurse #3 documented at 8:22 PM that Resident #1 did not have a BiPAP machine.</p> <p>The Nursing Progress Notes dated 3/30/25 revealed Resident #1 received the BiPAP machine at 12:00 PM. Resident #1 was lethargic and only opened their eyes to verbal stimuli. Resident #1 was transferred to the hospital on 3/30/25 at 3:05 PM for evaluation.</p> <p>During a telephone interview on 4/8/25 at 11:54 AM, admission Screener #1 stated they confirmed with the hospital social worker during their screening process and relayed to the facility via an email on 3/25/25 at 11:35 AM that Resident #1 required a BiPAP machine while at the facility. An email was sent as a notification to the Director of Nursing, the Long-Term Care Health Information Manager, and the Administrator and then forwarded on to the Unit Manager. The facility was responsible to ensure the facility ordered the equipment from the vendor.</p> <p>Review of an email provided on 4/8/25 at 1:10 PM by admission Screener #1 revealed they had informed the Director of Nursing, the Long-Term Care Health Information Manager, and the Administrator at 11:35 AM on 3/25/25 that Resident #1 was being admitted into the facility on 3/25/25 and required a BiPAP machine and documented the required settings.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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