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<p>F 0554</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Allow residents to self-administer drugs if determined clinically appropriate.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 45276</p> <p>Based on observations, record review, and resident and staff interviews, the facility's interdisciplinary team failed to assess and document the ability of a resident to self-administer medications for 2 of 2 residents (Resident #6 and Resident #12) who were reviewed for medication self-administration.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>1. A review of the electronic health record revealed Resident #6 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>A care plan dated 07/05/24 revealed Resident #6 did not have a care plan to address self-administration of medications.</p> <p>The quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #6 was cognitively intact.</p> <p>A review of physician orders dated 09/30/24 for Resident #6 revealed an order for Senna (a stool softener) Oral Tablet 8.6 milligrams (mg). Give 2 tablets by mouth at bedtime for constipation. There was no order discovered for Resident #6 to self-administer medications.</p> <p>Review of Resident #6's 10/20/24 Medication Administration Record (MAR) revealed Nurse #12 had signed off Senna 8.6 mg as having been administered at 9:00 PM.</p> <p>Attempts to interview Nurse #12 were unsuccessful.</p> <p>On 10/21/24 at 9:07 AM during an interview with Resident #6 a medicine cup with the resident's room number written on it was observed on the overbed table. The medicine cup contained two round orange-colored tablets. Resident #6 stated the tablets were stool softeners and she told the nurse to leave them in the cup because she did not want to take them at that time, the resident did not elaborate on when the nurse had given her the stool softener tablet. She stated the nurse usually brought her medications and stayed while she took all of them, but she told the nurse she would hold on to the stool softener until later and the nurse left it.</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 0554</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 10/21/24 at 2:22 PM an observation revealed the medicine cup with Resident #6's room number written on it was still observed on the overbed table. The medicine cup still contained two round orange-colored tablets.</p> <p>In an interview with Nurse #9, on 10/21/24 at 2:24 PM, which was conducted in conjunction with an observation of Resident #6's room, she stated there were no residents who currently resided in the facility who were authorized or assessed for self-administration of medications. Nurse #9 stated she was a night shift supervisor who had been called to come in on day shift to supervise. The nurse observed the medications on Resident #6's overbed table and removed the cup to discard them. The nurse stated they appeared to be stool softeners. Nurse #9 stated the nurse was expected to stay and observe the resident as medications were taken. She stated it was not standard practice to leave medications in a resident's room. She stated she was not the nurse who had administered the medication.</p> <p>2. A review of the electronic health record revealed Resident #12 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>A care plan dated 10/09/24 revealed Resident #12 did not have a care plan to address self-administration of medications.</p> <p>The quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #12 was cognitively intact.</p> <p>A review of physician orders for Resident #12, dated 09/27/24, revealed an order for Lactobacillus Capsule give 1 capsule by mouth two times a day for probiotic and an order for Gabapentin 100 milligrams capsule take 1 capsule by mouth every 12 hours for neuropathy. There was no discovered order for Resident #12 to self-administer medications.</p> <p>Review of Resident #12's 10/21/24 Medication Administration Record (MAR) revealed Nurse #11 had signed off the probiotic was administered at 8:00 AM and the gabapentin was signed off as being administered at 9:00 AM.</p> <p>Attempts to interview Nurse #11 were unsuccessful.</p> <p>During an interview with Resident #12 on 10/22/24 at 8:45 AM, two orange tablets and one white capsule in were observed in a medication cup on the resident's overbed table. Resident #12 stated the medications in the cup were gabapentin and a probiotic. The resident stated the nurse usually stayed while she swallowed her medications, but she was on phone with her insurance company, so the nurse left the cup of medications for her to take on her own that morning, 10/22/24. She was unable to state the nurse's name. The resident stated the nurse left a total of 8 pills in the cup and she had already taken 5 of the pills. The resident was then observed to swallow the remaining medications in the cup. The resident stated the nurse was usually good about staying with her while she took her medications. The resident explained the nurse left the pills with her because she was on an important call, and she told the nurse she would take them on her own.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0554</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 10/25/24 at 11:32 AM an interview was conducted with Nurse #10, the Unit Manager, and she stated no residents in the facility were authorized to self-administer medications. She stated it was not the facility's policy to leave medications at the bedside unless a resident was assessed and authorized to self-administer medications. She stated the nurse should stay with the resident until all medications were taken. Nurse #10 added any medications not taken or refused should be disposed of and documented.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Director of Nursing on 10/25/24 at 12:02 PM and she stated no residents at the facility had been assessed and authorized to self-administer medications. She stated the nurse was expected to stay with the resident while a resident swallowed their medications, and no medications should be left at bedside.</p>		

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<p>F 0584</p> <p>Level of Harm - Potential for minimal harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Honor the resident's right to a safe, clean, comfortable and homelike environment, including but not limited to receiving treatment and supports for daily living safely.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 50642</p> <p>Based on observations and staff interviews, the facility failed to maintain the walls in the residents' rooms in good repair for 8 of 11 sampled residents' rooms: 3206, 3217, 3222, 3251, 3242, 3243, 3214 and 3225.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>a. An observation on 10/21/24 at 08:16 AM of room [ROOM NUMBER] revealed the wall behind the bed was excoriated (measuring approximately 24 inches).</p> <p>b. An observation on 10/21/24 at 08:30 AM of room [ROOM NUMBER] revealed the wall behind the bed had stripped paint.</p> <p>c. An observation on 10/21/24 at 08:38 AM of room [ROOM NUMBER] revealed that the wall behind the bed was extremely excoriated (measuring approximately 24 inches).</p> <p>d. An observation on 10/21/24 at 09:05 AM of room [ROOM NUMBER] revealed excoriation of walls behind the table located near the middle of the room.</p> <p>e. An observation on 10/21/24 at 09:40 AM of room [ROOM NUMBER] revealed wall next to bed in front of table with excoriation.</p> <p>f. An observation on 10/21/24 at 09:49 AM of room [ROOM NUMBER] revealed excoriated walls behind the bed (measuring approximately 18 inches).</p> <p>g. An observation on 10/21/24 at 09:59 AM of room [ROOM NUMBER] revealed several areas on the walls in the room with paint missing from walls.</p> <p>h. An observation on 10/22/24 at 08:30 AM of room [ROOM NUMBER] revealed excoriation of walls behind the bed (measuring approximately 12 inches)</p> <p>An interview conducted on 10/25/24 at 05:44 PM with the Maintenance Director revealed that she was aware that the walls in the rooms need to be fixed. She reported that the facility was in the process of fixing the walls and renovating the rooms. The Maintenance Director reported that the challenge was doing the work while residents were in the rooms. She confirmed that there was an electronic reporting system, but the current process was that the housekeepers told her which room, and she goes there. The Maintenance Director stated most of the beds now have a bump stop (at the head of the bed) to prevent further damage to the walls.</p>		

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<p>F 0585</p> <p>Level of Harm - Potential for minimal harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Honor the resident's right to voice grievances without discrimination or reprisal and the facility must establish a grievance policy and make prompt efforts to resolve grievances.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 20670</p> <p>Based on record reviews, and interviews with the responsible party (RP) and Administrator, the facility failed to maintain documentation of the results of grievances reported by the RP for 1 of 1 sampled resident (Resident #190).</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #190 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>Review of the clinical records indicated Resident #190 discharged from the facility on 3/24/24.</p> <p>On 10/25/24 at 9:54 a.m., a telephone interview was conducted with the RP of Resident #190. The RP revealed she had filed multiple grievances with the facility throughout the resident's stay at the facility concerning Resident #190's inadequate ADL (activities of daily living) care. She was unable to provide dates of any of the grievances' submissions.</p> <p>A review of the facility's grievance records revealed no grievance documentation available concerning Resident #190.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/25/24 at 11:33 a.m., the Administrator stated he searched every storage area in the facility but was unable to locate any of the facility's grievances dated prior to June 2024. He stated he was not familiar with Resident #190 or the resident's family. The Administrator revealed the facility was purchased by the current owners effective June 2024. He also revealed the previous owners removed boxes of documents from the facility in August 2024 which they claimed as belonging to them. He stated he had no knowledge of what the contents of the boxes were, only knew boxes contained paper files.</p>		

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<p>F 0637</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Assess the resident when there is a significant change in condition</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 20670</p> <p>Based on medical record review and staff interview, the facility failed to complete a Significant Change in Status Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment for 1 of 2 residents (Residents #15) reviewed for hospice services.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #15 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnosis which included malignant neoplasm of the right lung.</p> <p>Resident #15 was admitted to Hospice Services on 4/16/24.</p> <p>A review of the MDS assessments revealed a Significant Change in Status MDS Assessment was not completed after Resident #15 was admitted to hospice services.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/24/24 at 10:35 a.m., the MDS Coordinator revealed she began working at the facility two months ago. She stated she was informed by the Regional MDS Consultant that the facility did not have a MDS Coordinator for over a year; instead, the facility utilized traveling MDS Nurses to complete the MDS' and different facility staff to conduct onsite interviews and observations. After a review of Resident #15's medical record, the MDS Coordinator acknowledged that a Significant Change in Status MDS should have been completed within fourteen days of Resident #15's admission to hospice services.</p>

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<p>F 0641</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure each resident receives an accurate assessment.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 20670</p> <p>Based on observations, record reviews and staff interviews, the facility failed to accurately code the minimum data set (MDS) assessments in the areas of falls (Resident #42), range of motion (Resident # 59) and failed to assess (Resident #69) and code the MDS assessment for cognition, mood, behavior, functional abilities, bowel and bladder continence, and oral/dental status. This was for 3 of 30 sampled residents reviewed for MDS accuracy.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>1. Resident #59 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with the diagnosis which included:</p> <p>hemiplegia and hemiparesis following a cerebrovascular accident affecting the right dominant side and a right-hand contracture.</p> <p>Review of the annual minimum data set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] indicated Resident #59 was severely, cognitively impaired and had no range of motion impairments of his upper or lower extremities.</p> <p>The review of the Occupational Therapy (OT) Discharge Summary dated 12/29/23 recommended Resident #59 receive a Functional Maintenance Program for right wrist/hand/finger orthosis in place-using a right grip splint. Nursing education was provided. The prognosis to maintain CLOF (current level of function) was excellent with consistent staff support.</p> <p>On 10/21/24 at 2:03 p.m., Resident #59 was observed in his room in his wheelchair. The resident's right hand was fisted. When asked if he was able to open the hand, the resident nodded his head no. There was no splinting device observed in the room.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/23/24 at 1:53 p.m., the Rehabilitative Director revealed he had worked at the facility since 8/26/24. The Rehabilitative Director stated that after speaking with this Surveyor earlier and visiting with Resident #59, he was able to locate a right-hand grip splint in the nightstand of the resident's room. He stated the resident allowed him to apply the splint and it continued to fit comfortably, indicating Resident #59's range of motion had been maintained. He stated Resident #59's most recent rehabilitative services received dated from 12/19/23 to 12/29/23 for splinting/contracture management.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/24/24 at 10:35 a.m., MDS Director stated she had been employed at the facility for two months but, was informed by the Regional MDS Consultant the facility did not have a MDS Coordinator in over a year. She stated she was informed that the facility used traveling MDS nurses to code the MDS assessments and different facility staff would conduct the onsite interviews and observations during that period of time. The MDS Director was unable to explain why the previous MDS nurse did not accurately complete the range of motion section of the MDS assessment.</p> <p>2. Resident #69 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.</p> <p>Review of the quarterly MDS assessment dated [DATE] indicated Resident #69 was not assessed for cognition, mood, behavior, functional abilities, bowel and bladder continence, and oral/dental status.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0641</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 10/24/24 at 10:35 a.m., the MDS Director stated she had been employed at the facility for two months but was informed by the Regional MDS Consultant the facility did not have a MDS Coordinator in over a year. She revealed she was informed the facility used traveling MDS nurses and different facility staff would conduct the onsite interviews and observations during that period of time. The MDS Director was unable to explain why the previous MDS nurse did not complete the sections of the MDS assessment for the resident's cognition, mood, behavior, functional abilities, bowel and bladder continence, and oral/dental status.</p> <p>42007</p> <p>3. Resident 42 was admitted to the facility 6/14/24 following a fractured pelvis and septic shock resulting in generalized muscle weakness.</p> <p>Resident #42's hospital discharge summary dated 6/14/24 included diagnoses of schizophrenia and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).</p> <p>The diagnoses on Resident #42's EMR face sheet did not include schizophrenia or PTSD.</p> <p>Record reviewed showed schizophrenia and PTSD were listed on the Medical Doctor's admission note dated 6/15/24 which stated he was being followed by psychiatry. The psychiatry notes had both diagnoses listed, and psychiatric diagnoses were listed on the medication administration record.</p> <p>Resident #42's admission Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] did not include any psychiatric diagnoses.</p> <p>During an interview with the MDS coordinator on 10/24/24 at 10:31 a.m. she stated she had been in this role for two months and had been aware that some MDS assessments had errors which she was correcting. She stated Resident #42's admission MDS assessment should have included the diagnoses of schizophrenia and PTSD.</p> <p>During an interview with the Director of Nursing on 10/24/24 at 11:25 a.m., she stated that all residents should have complete and accurate diagnoses in their charts. She stated the MDS Coordinators will be working close with the nursing staff to make sure all charts contain accurate and complete information going forward.</p>		

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<p>F 0688</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate care for a resident to maintain and/or improve range of motion (ROM), limited ROM and/or mobility, unless a decline is for a medical reason.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 20670</p> <p>Based on observations, record reviews and staff interviews, the facility failed to apply the right-hand grip splinting device as recommended by the occupational therapist for 1 of 1 sampled resident (Resident #59) with a contracture of his right hand.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #59 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with the diagnosis which included:</p> <p>hemiplegia and hemiparesis following a cerebrovascular accident affecting the right dominant side and a right-hand contracture.</p> <p>Review of the annual Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] indicated Resident #59 was severely cognitively impaired and had no impairments of his upper or lower extremities.</p> <p>The care plan did not include Resident #59's right-hand contracture and the application of a splinting device.</p> <p>The review of the Occupational Therapy (OT) Discharge Summary dated 12/29/23 recommended Resident #59 receive a Functional Maintenance Program for right wrist/hand/finger orthosis in place-using a right grip splint. Nursing education was provided. The prognosis to maintain CLOF (current level of function) was excellent with consistent staff support.</p> <p>There was no physician order in the medical record for the application of the grip splint for Resident #59's right hand.</p> <p>On 10/21/24 at 2:03 p.m., Resident #59 was observed in his room in his wheelchair. The resident's right hand was fistled. When asked if he was able to open the hand, the resident nodded his head no. There was no splinting device observed out in the open in the room.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/24/24 at 3:25 p.m., Nurse Aide (NA) #8 revealed she worked with Resident #59 since his admission but had been on leave of absence for one month and returned on 10/22/24. She stated the resident has had the splint applied since 10/22/24. NA #8 stated the nurses and nursing assistants were able to apply the splint to the resident's hand. NA #8 revealed she was unsure where the resident's splinting device was stored.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0688</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 10/23/24 at 1:53 p.m., the Rehabilitation Director revealed he had worked at the facility since 8/26/24. The Rehabilitation Director stated that after speaking with this Surveyor earlier and visiting with Resident #59, he was able to locate a right-hand grip splint in the nightstand of the resident's room. He stated the resident allowed him to apply the splint and it continued to fit comfortably, indicating Resident #59's range of motion had been maintained. He stated Resident #59's most recent rehabilitative services received dated from 12/19/23 to 12/29/23 for splinting/contracture management. He revealed the Occupational Therapist would be re-evaluating Resident #59 the next day as part of his quarterly evaluation. The Rehabilitation Director revealed he did not know who was responsible for applying the splint to the resident's right hand because he was unable to locate Resident #59's previous therapy records due to facility ownership change.</p> <p>On 10/24/24 at 3:05 p.m., Resident #59 was observed in his room with a visitor who revealed she was the resident's POA (power of attorney). A blue colored hand splint was observed on the resident's right hand. The visitor/POA indicated she frequently visited the resident she had not observed the splint on the resident's hand in two years.</p>		

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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** 35930</p> <p>Based on observations, record review, and staff and Nurse Practitioner interviews, the facility failed to administer oxygen at the physician prescribed rate for 1 of 1 resident sampled for respiratory care (Resident #14).</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #14 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses which included hypoxemia (a low level of oxygen in the blood) and congestive heart failure.</p> <p>A review of Resident #14's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS), dated [DATE], revealed she was moderately cognitively impaired and was on oxygen therapy.</p> <p>A review of Resident #14's Physician Orders read, oxygen at 2 liters per minute via nasal cannula and was written on 09/25/24.</p> <p>A review of Resident #14's Care Plan, last revised on 10/14/24, indicated she was at risk for respiratory complications secondary to her supplemental oxygen requirement. Interventions included to administer oxygen as ordered.</p> <p>A review of Resident #14's vital signs revealed an oxygen saturation of 96% on 10/19/24 and 98% on 10/01/24. There were no other documented oxygen saturation values in the record.</p> <p>An observation of Resident #14 was made on 10/21/24 at 11:48 A.M. Resident #14 was lying in her bed with her eyes closed with no shortness of breath noted. She had oxygen in her nose via nasal cannula. The oxygen concentrator was placed next to her bed and was set to deliver 3.5 liters per minute of oxygen.</p> <p>A second observation of Resident #14 was made on 10/21/24 at 3:54 P.M. Resident #14 was lying in her bed with her eyes closed with no shortness of breath noted. She had oxygen in her nose via nasal cannula. The oxygen concentrator was placed next to her bed and was set to deliver 3.5 liters per minute of oxygen.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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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>An interview was conducted with Nurse #4 on 10/23/24 at 12.53 P.M. The nurse confirmed she worked on 10/21/24 from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. and had been assigned to care for Resident #14. Nurse #4 stated one of Resident #14's visitors informed her that she was moaning. She was unsure of the time of day. Nurse #4 stated she immediately went to the resident's room to assess her. Nurse #4 indicated she took Resident #14's vital signs which included her oxygen saturation rate. The nurse stated she remembered the oxygen saturation rate being in the high 90s and thought it might have been 97%; however, she did not document the resident's vital signs in her medical record. She indicated that she repositioned Resident #14 which seemed to alleviate her discomfort and then she left the room. When asked why she had not documented the resident's vital signs and oxygen saturation in the medical record, Nurse #4 explained that she only documented vital signs on a resident if they had been scheduled as a task, or if the results were abnormal. Nurse #4 clarified that because the resident had not appeared to be in respiratory distress at that time, she had not checked the settings on the oxygen concentrator. The nurse added that because there were a lot of visitors in the room at that time, she did not want to appear rude by asking them to move around in order for her to get to the concentrator to check the settings. Nurse #4 stated that if Resident #14's oxygen saturation values had been abnormal, she would have checked the settings on the oxygen concentrator regardless of how many visitors were in the room at the time.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Nurse Practitioner (NP) #1 on 10/23/24 at 11:25 A.M. NP #1 stated he had been asked to assess Resident #14 after her oxygen concentrator had been discovered to have been set to deliver her oxygen therapy at 3.5 liters per minute on 10/21/24. He stated that obtaining her oxygen saturation rate was difficult due to her wearing gel nail polish on her nails but confirmed she had no signs and symptoms of dyspnea (shortness of breath) or air hunger, and that she had good capillary refill. He explained Resident #14 does not have a diagnosis of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and had been receiving oxygen therapy due to her diagnosis of hypoxemia. He further explained that while no harm came to the resident on 10/21/24, he stated he had instructed the staff to continue her oxygen therapy at the prescribed rate of 2 liters per minute and encouraged them to monitor the settings on the concentrator. NP #1 stated it was his expectation that nursing staff follow the physician's orders for oxygen therapy and to also monitor the settings on the oxygen concentrators.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Director of Nursing (DON) on 10/23/24 at 2:06 P.M. The DON stated that after she had been informed of Resident #14's oxygen concentrator having been set to deliver her oxygen therapy at 3.5 liters per minute on 10/21/24, she had asked NP #1 to assess the resident. She explained she had also spoken to nursing staff who informed her they felt Resident #14's visitors often fiddled with the settings during their visits with her. The DON indicated there were no new orders after NP #1's assessment, however he had stated that he did not want her oxygen therapy to be delivered at 3.5 liters per minute. The DON stated it was her expectation that nursing staff observe all aspects of a resident's care when they are in a resident's room.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Administrator on 10/23/24 at 12:44 P.M. The Administrator stated it was his expectation that nurses follow physician's orders and monitor residents receiving oxygen therapy as per the facility's policy and procedure.</p>		

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<p>F 0725</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Provide enough nursing staff every day to meet the needs of every resident; and have a licensed nurse in charge on each shift.</p> <p>42007</p> <p>Based on record reviews and staff interviews, the facility failed to have licensed nursing coverage 24 hours/day in the facility for 17 out of 120 days reviewed for staffing. The failure to have a licensed nurse in the facility at all times had a high likelihood of impacting every resident in the facility.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Review of the staffing data submitted by the facility through the CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) Payroll-Based Journal (PBJ) system for quarter 3 (April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024) indicated there was no licensed nurse coverage 24 hours/day in the facility on 4/6/24, 4/5/24, 4/13/24, 4/14/24, 4/20/24, 4/21/24, 4/27/24, 4/28/24, 5/4/24, 5/5/24, 5/11/24, 5/12/24, 5/18/24, 5/19/24, 5/25/24, 5/26/24 and 5/27/24.</p> <p>The facility was unable to locate the Staff Schedule/Assignment Sheets, timecard reports or payroll reports to review for licensed nursing staff for April through June of 2024.</p> <p>During an interview with the Staff Development Coordinator (SDC) on 10/23/24, she stated she had been in the role of SDC, Infection Preventionist and the Assistant Director of Nursing since the new company took over in June 2024. The SDC indicated they had been using a lot of agency staff prior to the new company taking over and was unable to provide any information to confirm or deny whether facility actually had licensed nurses (registered nurses or licensed practical nurses) in the building 24 hours a day on those specific days.</p> <p>During an interview with the Facility Scheduler on 10/23/24, she stated, she had been in her role since June 2024. She stated was aware of the regulation that stated the facility must have licensed nurse coverage 24 hours/day. The Facility Scheduler was unable to speak to any scheduling issues that occurred prior to June 2024 and did not know who handled that job prior to her.</p>		

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<p>F 0727</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Have a registered nurse on duty 8 hours a day; and select a registered nurse to be the director of nurses on a full time basis.</p> <p>42007</p> <p>Based on record reviews and staff interviews, the facility failed to provide Registered Nurse (RN) coverage at least 8 consecutive hours per day, 7 days per week for 17 out of 120 days reviewed for staffing.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Review of the staffing data submitted by the facility through the CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) Payroll-Based Journal (PBJ) system for quarter 3 (April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024) indicated indicated there was no RN coverage for eight consecutive hours on 4/5/24, 4/6/24, 4/13/24, 4/14/24, 4/20/24, 4/21/24, 4/27/24, 4/28/24, 5/4/24, 5/5/24, 5/11/24, 5/12/24, 5/18/24, 5/19/24, 5/25/24, 5/26/24 and 5/27/24.</p> <p>The facility was unable to locate the Staff Schedule/Assignment Sheets, RN timecard reports, or payroll reports to review for the time period of April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.</p> <p>During an interview with the Staff Development Coordinator (SDC) on 10/23/24 at 11:14 AM, she stated she has been in the role of SDC, infection preventionist and the assistant director of nursing since the new company took over in June 2024. She stated they currently had four RNs on staff and had been using a lot of agency staff prior to the new company taking over. The SDC was unable to provide any information to confirm or deny whether facility actually had RN coverage at least 8 consecutive hours per day in the building on those specific days. The SDC indicated she was not currently assist with scheduling.</p> <p>During an interview with the Facility Scheduler on 10/23/24 at 11:20 AM, she stated she had been in her role since June 2024. She stated she was aware of the regulation that stated the facility must have RN coverage for 8 consecutive hours. The Facility Scheduler was unable to speak to any scheduling issues that occurred prior to June 2024 and did not know who handled that job prior to her.</p> <p>During an interview with the facility Administrator on 10/23/24 at 1:00 PM, he stated he began working at the facility in June 2024 when the new company took over. He stated he had searched everywhere he could think of and was unable to locate any timecard reports, staffing sheets, or daily postings prior to June 2024.</p>

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 45276</p> <p>Based on observations, staff interviews and record reviews, the facility failed to prevent a significant medication error when a nurse failed to administer insulin before a meal as scheduled as specified in the physician's order. This occurred for 1 of 1 sampled resident (Resident #25).</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #25 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Her diagnoses included, in part, diabetes mellitus and dementia.</p> <p>A review of the resident's physician's orders included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humalog Insulin Solution (Insulin Lispro) Inject as per sliding scale (where the dose of insulin administered was dependent on the resident's current blood glucose level): The sliding scale insulin was ordered to be administered before meals and at bedtime as follows: -If the blood glucose was 101 - 150 milligrams (mg)/deciliter (dL), give 2 unit of insulin. -If the blood glucose was 151 - 200 mg/dL, give 3 units of insulin. -If the blood glucose was 201 - 250 mg/dL, give 5 units of insulin. -If the blood glucose was 251 - 300 mg/dL, give 7 units of insulin. -If the blood glucose was 301 - 350 mg/dL, give 9 units of insulin. -If the blood glucose was 351 - 400 mg/dL, give 11 units of insulin. Call MD for blood sugar < or >400. <p>Humalog insulin is a rapid-acting insulin with peak serum blood levels typically seen 30 to 90 minutes after its administration. Humalog insulin is injected subcutaneously (A subcutaneous injection is a method of administering medication by injecting it into the fatty layer of skin, or subcutis, just below the dermis and epidermis).</p> <p>A review of Resident #25's October 2024 Medication Administration Record (MAR) revealed Humalog Insulin was transcribed to the MAR to be administered at 7:30 AM, 11:00AM, and 4:00 PM.</p> <p>A review of the facility's meal delivery times revealed breakfast meal trays were scheduled for delivery to Resident #25's hall between 7:15 AM - 7:30 AM daily. Resident #25's mealtime Humalog insulin coverage for the morning meal was scheduled for administration at 7:30 AM (prior to the meal).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>On 10/24/24 at 9:50 AM, Nurse #4 was observed as she checked Resident #25's blood glucose level. The resident's blood glucose result was 252 mg/dL. Nurse #4 returned to the medication cart, reviewed the physician's orders to determine the dose of insulin needed, then drew up 7 units of Humalog insulin for administration to the resident. Nurse #4 explained Resident #25 needed to be given 7 units of Humalog based on her orders for sliding scale insulin.</p> <p>On 10/24/24 at 9:55 AM, Nurse #4 was observed as she injected 7 units of Humalog insulin subcutaneously (under the skin) into Resident #25's left arm via the Resident's Humalog KwikPen. The Humalog KwikPen is a disposable single-patient-use prefilled pen containing Humalog insulin.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on 10/24/24 at 9:55 AM with Nurse #4. At that time, the nurse was asked why Resident #25's Humalog insulin was administered more than 2.5 hours late. The sliding scale Humalog insulin (7 units) was scheduled for administration at 7:30 AM but was not administered to the resident until 9:55 AM. Nurse #4 responded by stating the late administration was due to the heavy medication pass workload and the time it was taking to test and transfer COVID positive residents to other rooms.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on 10/25/24 at 1:50 PM with the facility's Director of Nursing (DON). During the interview, the concern regarding the late administration of Resident #25's Humalog insulin was discussed. The DON stated the nurses on the halls have enough time to pass medications within the timeframes. She stated if a nurse needed assistance with getting a medication pass completed within the timeframe the administrative nurses (e.g., Unit Manager, Infection Preventionist, or she herself) could assist as needed. The DON stated education would need to be provided to Nurse #4. The DON stated if Resident #25's Humalog insulin was ordered to be given at 7:30 AM, Nurse #4 should have given the insulin within one hour before its scheduled time for administration.</p>		

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<p>F 0842</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Safeguard resident-identifiable information and/or maintain medical records on each resident that are in accordance with accepted professional standards.</p> <p>42007</p> <p>Based on staff interviews and record review, the facility failed to maintain a complete medical record in the area of diagnoses for 1 of 5 residents (Resident #42) reviewed for unnecessary medications.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #42 was admitted to the facility 6/14/24 following a fractured pelvis and septic shock resulting in generalized muscle weakness.</p> <p>Review of Resident #42's hospital discharge summary 5/22/24 showed diagnoses schizophrenia and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).</p> <p>Review of Resident #42's electronic medical record cumulative diagnosis face sheet did not include schizophrenia or PTSD.</p> <p>During an interview with the Director of Nursing on 10/24/24 at 11:25 AM, she stated that all residents should have complete and accurate diagnoses in their charts. She stated the MDS Coordinators will be working close with the nursing staff to make sure all charts contain accurate and complete information going forward.</p>

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 45276</p> <p>Based on observations, record review, and staff and Nurse Practitioner (NP) interviews, the facility failed to implement a broad-based approach COVID-19 testing for staff and residents on 10/13/24 when residents tested positive for COVID-19 on two resident halls. The facility had been in outbreak status since 10/08/24 when a staff member tested positive and only residents/staff with symptoms, roommates of residents that tested positive and staff that requested or were symptomatic tested for COVID-19. Broad-based COVID-19 testing per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance was not implemented until 10/23/24. Before broad-based testing was implemented on 10/23/24, a total of 4 staff members and 22 residents had tested positive for COVID-19. Results of the broad-based testing from 10/23/24 through 10/25/24 yielded one (1) staff member and 6 additional residents positive for COVID-19. In addition, 11 of 14 staff members failed to wear surgical masks covering both their mouth and nose for source control to help prevent transmission while working in the facility during the COVID-19 outbreak and one staff member (Nurse Aide #6) entered a resident room under transmission-based precautions for COVID-19 without wearing eye protection. The facility's infection control policy and procedures for outbreak testing did not conform with CDC guidance. had not initiated the administration of any 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccinations for residents. The resident census at the time of the survey was 129. The facility had their first 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccination clinic on 10/16/24 through 10/18/24. These cumulative practices and system failures occurred during a COVID-19 outbreak and had the high likelihood for continued transmission of COVID-19 to residents and staff and a serious adverse outcome.</p> <p>Immediate Jeopardy began on 10/13/24 when COVID positive residents were identified on the 200-hall and 400-hall and broad-based testing of staff and residents was not initiated. Immediate jeopardy was removed on 10/25/24 when the facility implemented a credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility will remain out of compliance at a scope and severity of E (no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is immediate jeopardy) to ensure education is completed and monitoring systems are in place and are effective.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>A. The facility policy titled Policies and Procedures [Infection Prevention and Control], Section Emerging Infectious Disease(s), Policy Name COVID-19 Effective date 03/11/24 revealed the center followed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and standards of practice for prevention of COVID-19 to protect employees and patients. Section 4 revealed Infection Prevention and Control measures may include, but were not limited to:</p> <p>i. Employee and patient testing according to current standards</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Per the CDC guidelines dated 6/24/24, The approach to an outbreak investigation could involve either contact tracing or a broad-based approach; however, a broad-based approach is preferred if all potential contacts cannot be event identified or managed with contact tracing or if contact tracing fails to halt transmission. If additional cases are identified, strong consideration should be given to shifting to broad based approach if not already being performed and implementing quarantine for residents in affected areas of the facility. As part of the broad-based approach testing should continue on affected units or facility wide every 3-7days until there are no new cases for 14 days. If antigen testing is used more frequent testing (every three days) should be considered.</p> <p>A review of the facility document titled COVID-19 Contact Tracing Investigation revealed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The COVID outbreak started on 10/08/24 when the facility Social Worker tested positive for COVID. - The Receptionist tested positive on 10/10/09/24. - On 10/13/24 four residents on the 200-hall (Resident #98, Resident #126, Resident #442, and Resident #443) and 1 resident on the 400-hall (Resident #5) tested positive for COVID. - On 10/14/24 two residents on the 400-hall (Resident #90 and Resident#92) and 1 resident on the 700 hall (Resident #67) tested positive for COVID. - On 10/15/24 one resident on the 200-hall (Resident #68) and one resident on the 700-hall (Resident #3) tested positive for COVID. - On 10/17/24 one resident on the 200-hall (Resident #29), one resident on the 300-hall (Resident #55), one resident on the 400-hall (Resident #111), and two residents on the 700-hall (Resident #107 and Resident #116). - On 10/18/24 one resident on the 300-hall (Resident #39) and two residents on the 700-hall (Resident #4 and Resident #119) tested positive. - On 10/21/24 one resident on the 300-hall (Resident #13) tested positive. - On Tuesday, 10/22/24, two more residents and one staff member tested positive. - On Wednesday, 10/23/24, one additional resident and one staff member tested positive. <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>On 10/23/24 at 11:09 AM an interview was conducted with the Infection Preventionist (IP)/Assistant Director of Nursing /Staff Development Coordinator, and she stated residents were tested when they were symptomatic or the roommate of a COVID positive resident. She further stated staff were tested when they requested or if they were symptomatic. The IP stated the facility Social Worker tested positive for COVID on 10/8/24 and on 10/09/24 the Receptionist tested positive for COVID. She stated on 10/13/24 five residents on the 200 hall and one resident on the 400-hall tested positive. On 10/14/24 there were 2 more residents on the 400-hall who tested positive for COVID and 1 resident on the 700-hall. On 10/15/24 another resident on the 700-hall and 1 resident on the 200-hall tested positive. On 10/17/24 a total of 5 more residents tested positive - 1 on the 200-hall, 1 on the 300- hall, 1 on the 400-hall and 2 on the 700-hall. On 10/18/24 another resident on the 300-hall and 2 residents on the 700-hall tested positive. She stated on Monday, 10-21-24, there were 19 COVID+ residents and zero COVID+ staff. On Tuesday, 10/22/24 two more residents and 1 staff tested COVID+. On Wednesday, 10/23/24, 1 additional resident and 1 staff tested positive. The IP stated residents were tested on ly when they were symptomatic or if they were roommates of a resident who tested positive. She stated a COVID outbreak was when 6 or more residents and/or staff were positive. The Infection Preventionist stated she had spoken with her corporate clinical nurse consultant who had informed her that she did not have to report the COVID outbreak to the Health Department as they had in the past because the facility reported to National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). She said she reported this outbreak to the health department on 10/18/24 when the number of COVID+ residents reached 18. The IP stated she felt the spread of COVID throughout the building was largely due to noncompliant residents and the agency staff working at different facilities and getting exposed from numerous sources. The IP stated she felt they did all the protocols they should have initiated. The IP stated COVID+ residents were quarantined for 10 days and then they're off of quarantine and they do not re-test those residents after the 10-day quarantine. The interview further revealed the facility had a COVID-19 vaccine clinic</p> <p>In an interview with Nurse Aide (NA) #6 on 10/22/24 at 12:43 PM she stated she had not been tested for COVID by the facility.</p> <p>On 10/23/24 at 11:09AM the IP stated the facility had a COVID vaccine clinic from 10/16/24 through 10/18/24 and had one scheduled for that week (the week of 10/21/24) but cancelled it due to the survey.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Director of Nursing (DON) on 10/23/24 at 2:06 PM and she stated she expected all nurses (staff and agency) to follow the standards of nursing and to follow the infection prevention/infection control practices. The DON deferred questions regarding testing and education to the IP.</p> <p>A follow up interview with the DON was conducted on 10/25/24 5:00 PM revealed all residents in the facility and all staff members entering the facility were tested for COVID beginning on 10/23/24. The facility identified 6 more COVID+ residents on Wednesday, 10/23/24 and one staff member on Friday, 10/25/24. No positive cases were identified on Thursday 10/24/24.</p> <p>B. The facility policy titled Infection Prevention and Control Committee, updated 08/02/2024, revealed the Infection Prevention and Control Committee was responsible for implementing established program plans and standards of practice that promoted, monitored, and maintained an environment that reduced the risk of transmission and acquisition of center-acquired infections.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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