

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 345138	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 02/13/2025
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<p>F 0600</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>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 48006</p> <p>Based on record review, interviews with staff, Nurse Practitioner (NP), Medical Director, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent, Adult Protective Services (APS) Supervisor, and hospital Social Worker the facility failed to protect Resident #1's right to be free an injury of unknown source; and abuse/neglect. During the investigation the source of injury to Resident #1 was not observed by anyone, the source of injury could not be explained by the resident, and the injury was suspicious due to the unexplained rapid change in condition that was later identified as dehydration, therefore no perpetrator was identified. Resident # 1 was dependent on staff. On 01/27/2025, Resident #1's family member was visiting with the resident. The family member came out in the hallway and yelled that Resident #1 had a seizure. Nurse Practitioner (NP) and Nurse #1 responded immediately. Resident #1 was assessed and found to be leaning towards the right side of the bed. Resident #1 had vital signs which were within normal limits. The resident was transferred to the hospital via Emergency Medical Services (EMS) who noted the resident to have pinpoint pupils, a sign of an opioid overdose. At the hospital Resident #1 had a positive urine drug screen for Fentanyl (an opioid pain medication that can be lethal) and Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) (an illegal stimulant commonly known as ecstasy). Resident #1 did not have a physician's order for Fentanyl. The resident was admitted to the hospital with severe dehydration, a side effect of MDMA. Resident #1 was hospitalized for 4 days. This deficient practice affected 1 of 3 residents reviewed for resident abuse/injury of unknown origin.</p> <p>Immediate jeopardy began on 01/27/2025 when the facility failed to protect Resident #1's right to be free from an injury of unknown source; and abuse/neglect. Immediate jeopardy was removed on 02/08/2025 when the facility implemented an acceptable credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility remains out of compliance at a lower scope and severity level of D (no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy) to ensure education and monitoring systems put into place are effective.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses which included cerebral vascular accident, dementia, seizure disorder, and hypertension.</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's baseline care plan dated 01/20/2025 revealed Resident #1 was care planned for being at risk for complications related to severe cognitive impairment with interventions to observe for changes in cognition. Resident #1's care plan also indicated she was receiving tube feedings and had a history of seizures.</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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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 345138	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 02/13/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Lenoir Health and Rehabilitation Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 322 Nuway Circle Lenoir, NC 28645	
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