

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 345207	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 07/26/2024
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F 0580 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	Immediately tell the resident, the resident's doctor, and a family member of situations (injury/decline/room, etc.) that affect the resident. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 44890 Based on record review and interviews with staff, Medical Director (MD) and Physician Assistant (PA), the facility failed to notify the physician when a resident had signs of Clostridium Difficile (C. difficile) that included persistent loose, watery, mushy, and odorous stool. From 2/9/24 through 2/27/24 the resident experienced these abnormal stools. The physician was notified on 2/13/24 of the abnormal stools, but was not made aware of the ongoing issue until 2/27/24 when it was brought to the nurse's attention by the resident's family member. Upon discharge from the facility on 2/28/2024, the resident was immediately transported by a family member directly to her Primary Care Physician's office where she was tested for C. Difficile, and the lab test was positive for C. Difficile on 2/29/2024. This deficient practice placed Resident #86 at risk for developing complications from C. difficile such as dehydration, skin breakdown, and death. The facility also failed to notify the physician when a resident was receiving insulin outside the parameters to administer insulin. This deficient practice was for 2 of 2 residents reviewed for notification (Residents #86 and #59). Immediate Jeopardy began on 2/15/2024 when the physician was not notified that Resident #86 was continuing to have multiple loose and watery stools for more than 48 hours. Immediate Jeopardy was removed on 7/27/2024 when the facility implemented an acceptable plan of Immediate Jeopardy removal. The facility remains out of compliance at a lesser scope and severity of E (no harm with the potential for more than minimal harm that is not Immediate Jeopardy) to ensure education was completed and monitoring systems put in place are effective. Resident #59 was cited at scope and severity D. Findings included: 1. The CDC indicates the following : C. difficile is a highly contagious bacteria that causes diarrhea and inflammation of the colon and can be life-threatening; symptoms include 3 or more foul smelling watery stools a day lasting longer than 1 day, and abdominal cramping. Common complications include dehydration and inflammation of the colon. One in 11 people over age 65 diagnosed with a healthcare-associated C. diff infection die within one month. The facility's Physician's Standing Orders (Standing Orders are a means for physician or Advanced Practice Provider to legally convey to a nurse, the ability to provide routine medical interventions to a resident based on subjective and objective findings) revealed the following: bismuth subsalicylate (antidiarrheal medication) 15 cc (cubic centimeters) after each diarrhea stool. Check for impaction before giving. Notify Physician if no improvement after 8 hours or in the morning if stable. (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 0580 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	Resident #86 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. The medical record indicated Resident #86 was [AGE] years old in February of 2024. Resident #86's bowel movement documentation and medication administration record (MAR) revealed the following: - 2/9/2024 Nurse Aide (NA) #9 documented 1 large and loose and watery stool at 1:49 PM and 1 medium loose and watery stool at 5:40 PM. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. - 2/10/2024 NA #9 documented 1 large and formed/normal stool at 1:16 PM, 1 large loose and mushy stool at 4:16 PM, and NA #11 documented one large loose and watery stool at 11:49 PM. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. - 2/11/2024 NA #12 documented 1 large loose and mushy stool at 12:26 PM, 1 large loose and watery stool at 3:18 PM, and NA #11 documented 1 medium loose and watery stool at 11:39 PM. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. - 2/12/2024 NA #12 documented 1 medium loose and mushy stool at 11:30 AM and NA #13 documented 1 small and putty like stool at 7:57 PM. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. A nurse's note written by Minimum Data Set (MDS) Nurse #2 for Resident #86 revealed the following secure conversation text messages (secure text message from the nurse to the provider that is saved and uploaded to the progress notes in the electronic medical record) from MDS Nurse #2 to the Medical Director on 2/13/2024 at 11:44 AM which read in part, Resident has had diarrhea since admitting and we have no [brand name of medication-bismuth subsalicylate, an antidiarrheal medication] on hand. Can we have an order for loperamide [antidiarrheal medication]? Please advise. Thanks. The Medical Director responded back on 2/13/2024 at 11:46 AM with an order for loperamide hydrochloride (HCL) 2 milligrams (mg) three times a day as needed for diarrhea. The physician's orders for Resident # 86 revealed an order for loperamide hydrochloride (HCL) 2mg tablets; give 1 tablet by mouth three times a day as needed (prn) for diarrhea was ordered on 2/13/2024. An interview with MDS Nurse #2 was completed on 7/25/2024 at 9:44 AM. MDS Nurse #2 stated she was unable to recall Resident #86 or why she was the nurse that sent the text message to the Medical Director on 2/13/2024 regarding her diarrhea. MDS #2 stated that the nurse working that hall must have told her about the diarrhea and that the facility was out of the medication bismuth subsalicylate that were on the Physician's Standing Orders. MDS Nurse #2 stated that if a resident was having diarrhea and loperamide was given and it was ineffective, the nurses should have assessed them for signs and symptoms of C. difficile. She further stated that she was positive that none of the staff members reported that Resident #86's stools had a foul odor, because that would have been a sign that she might have a C. difficile infection. She indicated that if C. difficile was left untreated it could lead to skin breakdown and dehydration. (continued on next page)		

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F 0580 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	On 2/13/2024 NA #13 documented 1 large and loose and watery stool at 6:10 AM, 1 large loose and watery stool 10:56 AM, and NA #9 documented 1 large loose and watery stool at 6:44 PM. Loperamide HCL oral tablet 2 mg was administered by Nurse #8 at 8:07 PM and it was documented as having been effective. A telephone interview was completed with Nurse #8 on 7/25/2024 at 8:21 AM. Nurse #8 stated Resident #86's name sounded familiar, but she was not able to recall any information about her. She indicated if she administered loperamide HCL to Resident #86 on 2/13/2024 at 8:07 PM., then the NA or the resident must have reported the resident having diarrhea to her. Resident #86's bowel movement documentation and MAR revealed the following: - 2/14/2024 at NA #9 documented 1 large loose and watery stool at 11:04 AM, 1 medium loose and watery stool 5:26 PM, and NA #14 documented 1 small loose and watery stool at 11:34 PM. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. - 2/15/2024 NA #10 documented 1 medium formed/normal stool at 10:42 AM and 1 large loose and mushy stool and at 3:24 PM. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. On 2/16/24 Nurse #9 initiated the standing physician's order for Resident #86 for bismuth subsalicylate oral suspension 262 milligrams mg/15 ml; give 15 ml by mouth as needed (prn) for diarrhea. Give 15 ml after each loose stool. Check for impaction first. Notify the physician if there is no improvement after 8 hours or in the morning if stable. On 2/16/24 the bowel movement record and the MAR indicated NA #13 documented 1 medium loose and mushy stool at 3:26 AM, 1 medium loose and mushy stool at 8:58 PM, and NA #9 documented 1 medium loose and mushy stool at 11:58 AM. Bismuth subsalicylate prn 15 ml was administered by Nurse #9 at 5:05 PM and was documented as effective. Nurse #9 was unable to be interviewed during the survey. Resident #86's bowel movement documentation and MAR revealed the following: - 2/17/24 the bowel movement record and the MAR indicated NA #13 documented 1 medium loose and mushy stool at 4:44 AM and NA #10 documented 1 large formed/normal stool at 5:15 PM. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. - 2/18/2024 NA #15 documented 1 small putty like stool at 2:53 PM, 1 medium loose and watery stool at 12:14 PM, and NA #9 documented 1 large loose and watery stool at 3:19 PM. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. - 2/19/2024 NA #15 documented 1 large loose and watery stool at 6:27 AM. NA #15 documented 1 large loose and mushy stool and 1 large and formed/normal stool at 11:33 AM. Bismuth subsalicylate prn 15 ml was administered by Nurse #10 at 9:14 PM and was documented as effective. (continued on next page)		

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F 0580 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	On 07/25/2024 the Director of Nursing and the Registered Nurse Managers began in servicing all licensed nurses, Registered Nurses (RN) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) and certified nursing assistants (CNA) (full time, part time, and prn including agency) on signs and symptoms of C. difficile including watery diarrhea, fever, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal pain/tenderness. The above staff were educated on the importance of documenting bowel movements including consistency of bowel movements accurately. In addition, the CNA's were educated to report any changes in condition including diarrhea to the nurse when noted. RN's and LPN's were additionally educated on if a resident has 3 or more loose watery stools in 24 hours then notify the MD for evaluation of C. difficile, initiate Enteric Contact Isolation when C. difficile is known or suspected, when to report changes in condition, completing an assessment, and notifying the MD/NP/PA when interventions are not effective. The DON will ensure that all licensed nurses, RN's, LPN's, and CNA's (full time, part time, and prn including agency) who do not complete the in-service training by 07/26/2024 will not be allowed to work until the training is completed. This in-service was incorporated into the new employee facility and agency orientation for all licensed nurses and certified nursing assistants (full time, part time, and prn including agency.) Alleged date of IJ removal 07/27/2024 The immediate jeopardy removal plan of 7/26/2024 was validated on 7/26/2024. The audit of 100% of current residents for signs and symptoms of C. difficile was conducted by the nursing staff on 7/25/2024. The education sign in sheets were reviewed for the in-services conducted on 7/25/2024 for all nursing staff (NA's and nurses) regarding the signs and symptoms of C. difficile. In addition, the licensed nursing staff were educated regarding checking the clinical dashboard in the electronic medical record for alerts, initiating Enteric Contact Isolation when C. difficile is known or suspected, and assessing residents for signs and symptoms of C. difficile and notifying the physician. Staff interviews confirmed education was received on recognizing the signs and symptoms of C. difficile, assessing the residents for signs and symptoms, enteric isolation precautions, and the clinical dashboard alerts. Staff interviews with the nurses confirmed that education was received regarding signs and symptoms of C. difficile and notifying the physician. The facility's immediate jeopardy removal date of 7/27/2024 was validated. 35173 2) Resident #59 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Diagnoses included type 2 diabetes mellitus. The Minimum Data Set quarterly assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident 359 was cognitively intact and she received insulin and hypoglycemic (medications to treat diabetes) medications. A review of the physician's order revealed an order was written for Novolog Insulin, inject 10 units subcutaneously with meals and hold if glucose is less than 120 mg/dl. (continued on next page)		

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F 0580 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	A review of the June 2024 Medication Administration Record revealed Resident #59's blood sugar reading was 109 mg/dl on 06/22/24. The medication administration record revealed Resident #59 received the Novolog Insulin on 06/22/24 as evidenced by a checkmark and nursing initials. A review of the July 2024 Medication Administration Record revealed Resident #59's blood sugar reading was 107 mg/dl on 07/01/24, 113 mg/dl on 07/03/24, and 109 mg/dl on 07/06/24, 114 on 07/10/24, 117 on 07/21/24, 100 on 07/22/24, and 116 on 07/24/24. The medication administration record revealed Resident #59 received the Novolog Insulin on 07/01/24, 07/03/24, 07/10/24, and 07/24/24 as evidenced by a checkmark and nursing initials. An interview was conducted with Nurse #1 on 07/24/24 at 9:45 AM. Nurse #1 confirmed the initials on the Medication Administration Record on 06/22/24, 07/01/24, 07/03/24, 07/10/24, and 07/24/24 were hers. She stated the checkmark under each of the dates meant that the medication was administered. Nurse #1 stated she administered the Novolog Insulin even though the order read to hold the insulin if the blood sugar level was less than 120 mg/dl because the resident stated she wanted it. Nurse #1 stated the resident had rights and if she wanted the medication, then she would administer it. Nurse #1 stated she did not notify the physician that the resident was requesting to receive the 10 units of insulin even though her blood sugar was less than 120 mg/dl. An interview was conducted with the facility Physician on 07/24/24 at 10:17 AM. The Physician stated he had the parameter for administering the insulin in place because he did not want Resident #59's blood sugar level to get too low. He stated he was not notified that Resident #59 was requesting to receive her insulin even though her blood sugar level was below 120 mg/dl. He stated had he been notified he would have changed the parameter to hold the insulin to a lower number. Additionally, the Physician stated if nursing had notified him he could follow the resident's blood sugar results to determine if he needed to change the order or discontinue the order. An interview with the Director of Nursing (DON) on 07/26/24 at 3:00 PM revealed she would have expected the nursing staff to notify the physician and that it was not up to nursing to decide whether or not to administer a medication if it was not ordered without discussing the order with the Physician.		

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F 0684 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety 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** 44890 Based on record review and family, staff, Medical Director, and Physician Assistant interviews, the facility failed to comprehensively assess a resident who was presenting with signs of Clostridium Difficile (C. difficile) (According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): C. difficile-is a highly contagious bacteria that causes diarrhea and inflammation of the colon and can be life-threatening; symptoms include 3 or more foul smelling watery stools a day lasting longer than 1 day, and abdominal cramping), to determine the cause of the watery stools, identify the seriousness of the symptoms, and implement effective interventions to treat repeat watery stools which started on 2/09/2024. Resident #86's bowel movement documentation sheets from the date of admission, 2/8/24, through the date of discharge, 2/28/24, revealed she was coded as having 23 loose and watery stools, 19 loose and mushy stools, 1 putty like stool and 5 normal stools. The resident was administered 13 doses of anti-diarrheal medication through the 20 days the resident was at the facility despite administration of anti-diarrheal medication being contra-indicated for C. Difficile or when C. Difficile symptoms persist. On 2/27/2024 Nurse #15 notified the Medical Director the resident's family member was requesting a C. difficile test for loose, watery, mushy stools, and a test was not ordered. Resident #86 was discharged on [DATE] and was transported by a family member directly to her Primary Care Physician's office where she was tested for C. Difficile, and the lab test was positive for C. Difficile on 2/29/2024. This deficient practice placed Resident #86 at risk for developing complications from C. difficile such as dehydration, skin breakdown, and in extreme cases death. This deficient practice was discovered for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for professional standards (Resident #86); and the nursing staff failed to perform complete neurological checks for 1 of 1 resident reviewed for falls (Resident #2) which was cited at a lower scope and severity. Immediate Jeopardy began on 02/15/2024 when Resident #86 was not assessed to determine possible cause or effective interventions for continued loose and watery stools after the administration of an anti-diarrheal medication. Immediate Jeopardy was removed on 7/27/2024 when the facility implemented an acceptable plan of Immediate Jeopardy removal. The facility remains out of compliance at a lesser scope and severity of E (no harm with the potential for more than minimal harm that is not Immediate Jeopardy) to ensure education was completed and monitoring systems put in place are effective. Resident #2 was cited at scope and severity E. Findings included: Per an article by the National Institute in Health (NIH), from the Mayo Clinic, dated November 2012: The use of antimotility agents such as narcotics and loperamide in active C difficile infection is discouraged because use of these agents may result in more severe colitis. The facility's Clostridium Difficile policy last reviewed on 12/2023 read in part, The following measures are guidelines to prevent the spread of C. difficile infection, clinical features include watery diarrhea, fever, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal pain/tenderness. General diagnostic testing ordered by the MD [Medical Director] involves 3 or more watery diarrhea in 24 hours. Suspect C. difficile if the resident has symptoms and has been in the hospital and/or recently received antibiotics. (continued on next page)		

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F 0684 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	A nurse's note written by MDS Nurse #2 for Resident #86 revealed the following secure conversation text messages (secure text message from the nurse to the provider that is saved and uploaded to the progress notes in the electronic medical record) from MDS Nurse #2 to the Medical Director on 2/13/2024 at 11:44 AM which read in part, Resident has had diarrhea since admitting and we have no [brand name of medication-bismuth subsalicylate, an antidiarrheal medication] on hand. Can we have an order for loperamide [antidiarrheal medication]? Please advise. Thanks. The Medical Director responded back on 2/13/2024 at 11:46 AM with an order for loperamide hydrochloride (HCL) 2 milligrams (mg) three times a day as needed for diarrhea. The physician's orders for Resident # 86 revealed an order for loperamide (HCL) 2mg tablets; give 1 tablet by mouth three times a day as needed (prn) for diarrhea was initiated by MDS Nurse #2 on 2/13/2024. An interview with MDS Nurse #2 was completed on 7/25/2024 at 9:44 AM. MDS Nurse #2 stated she was a unit manager at the facility in February of 2024. She further stated she was not Unit Manager for the hall where Resident #86 resided. MDS Nurse #2 stated she was unable to recall Resident #86 or why she was the nurse that sent the text message to the Medical Director on 2/13/2024 regarding her diarrhea. MDS #2 stated that the nurse working that hall must have told her about the diarrhea and that the facility was out of bismuth subsalicylate the medication on the Physician's Standing Orders. MDS Nurse #2 explained that loperamide hydrochloride 2 mg was not on the facility's Standing Orders sheet and if the facility was out of bismuth subsalicylate that must have been the reason she contacted the Medical Director. MDS Nurse #2 stated that if a resident was having diarrhea and loperamide was given and it was ineffective, the nurses should have assessed them for signs and symptoms of C. difficile. She further stated that she was positive that none of the staff members reported that Resident #86's stools had a foul odor, because that would have been a sign that she might have a C. difficile infection. MDS Nurse #2 reported that if a resident was positive for C. difficile, they were to be placed on enteric precautions, and placed in a private room because it was very contagious. She indicated that if C. difficile was left untreated it could lead to skin breakdown and dehydration. 2/13/2024 NA #13 documented 1 large and loose and watery stool at 6:10 AM, 1 large loose and watery stool 10:56 AM, and NA #9 documented 1 large loose and watery stool at 6:44 PM. Loperamide HCL oral tablet 2 mg was administered by Nurse #8 at 8:07 PM and it was documented as having been effective. A telephone interview was completed with Nurse #8 on 7/25/2024 at 8:21 AM. Nurse #8 stated Resident #86's name sounded familiar, but she was not able to recall any information about her. She indicated if she administered loperamide HCL to Resident #86 on 2/13/2024 at 8:07 PM., then the NA or the resident must have reported the resident having diarrhea to her. She stated if a NA reported a resident was having loose stools, she would administer an antidiarrheal medication and follow-up to make sure it was effective. Nurse #8 stated if a NA reported a resident's stool had a foul odor, she would assess them for C. difficile. Nurse #8 further stated the facility's protocol for C. difficile was to collect a stool specimen and request an order for a lab culture from the Medical Director because it was a serious infection. She indicated she was unable to remember administering loperamide HCL to Resident #86 on 2/13/2024 at 8:07 PM or recall NA # 9 informing her of the diarrhea. Further review of Resident #86's bowel movement documentation and MAR revealed the following: (continued on next page)		

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F 0684 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	2/14/2024 at NA #9 documented 1 large loose and watery stool at 11:04 AM, 1 medium loose and watery stool 5:26 PM, and NA #14 documented 1 small loose and watery stool at 11:34 PM. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. 2/15/2024 NA #10 documented 1 medium formed/normal stool at 10:42 AM and 1 large loose and mushy stool and at 3:24 PM. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. Resident #86's physician's orders further revealed a standing order for bismuth subsalicylate oral suspension 262 mg/15 milliliters (ml) was initiated by Nurse #9 on 2/16/2024. Bismuth subsalicylate oral suspension 262 mg/15 ml; give 15 ml by mouth as needed (prn) for diarrhea. Give 15 ml after each loose stool. Check for impaction first. Notify the physician if there was no improvement after 8 hours or in the morning if stable. Further review of Resident #86's bowel movement documentation and MAR revealed the following: 2/16/2024 NA #13 documented 1 medium loose and mushy stool at 3:26 AM, 1 medium loose and mushy stool at 8:58 PM, and NA #9 documented 1 medium loose and mushy stool at 11:58 AM. Bismuth subsalicylate prn 15 ml was administered by Nurse #9 at 5:05 PM and was documented as effective. 2/17/2024 NA #13 documented 1 medium loose and mushy stool at 4:44 AM and NA #10 documented 1 large formed/normal stool at 5:15 PM. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. 2/18/2024 NA #15 documented 1 small putty like stool at 2:53 PM, 1 medium loose and watery stool at 12:14 PM, and NA #9 documented 1 large loose and watery stool at 3:19 PM. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. 2/19/2024 NA #15 documented 1 large loose and watery stool at 6:27 AM. NA #15 documented 1 large loose and mushy stool and 1 large and formed/normal stool at 11:33 AM. Bismuth subsalicylate prn 15 ml was administered by Nurse #10 at 9:14 PM and was documented as effective. 2/20/2024 at 4:43 AM NA #13 documented 1 large loose and watery stool, at 11:44 AM NA #1 documented 1 large loose and watery stool, at 9:05 PM NA #13 documented 1 large loose and mushy stool, and at 11:14 PM NA #13 documented 1 small loose and mushy stool. Loperamide HCL 2 mg tablet prn was administered by Nurse #10 at 5:09 AM and was documented as effective; bismuth subsalicylate prn 15 ml was administered by Nurse #11 at 8:47 AM and was documented as effective; and loperamide HCL 2 mg tablet prn was administered by Nurse #11 at 1:48 PM and was documented as effective. A telephone interview was completed with Nurse #10 on 7/25/2024 at 4:00 PM. Nurse # 10 stated she usually did not work on the unit where Resident #86 resided when she was at the facility. She further stated she did not recognize Resident #86's name or recall anything about her. Nurse #10 explained she was just not familiar with Resident #86 and didn't know if she was having diarrhea or not. She stated she did not remember administering bismuth subsalicylate on 2/19/2024 or loperamide HCL 2 mg tablet on 2/20/2024 to Resident #86. 2/21/2024 NA #1 documented 1 large loose and watery stool and 1 large loose and mushy stool at 9:15 AM. NA #13 documented and 1 medium loose and mushy stool at 11:11 PM. Loperamide HCL 2 mg tablet prn was administered by Nurse #12 at 6:13 AM and was documented as effective. (continued on next page)		

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F 0684 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	2/22/2024 NA #9 documented 1 large loose and watery stool at 2:59 PM and one large loose and watery stool at 5:03 PM. Loperamide HCL 2 mg tablet prn was administered by Nurse #13 at 3:01 PM and was documented as effective. A telephone interview was conducted with Nurse #13 on 7/25/2024 at 1:28 PM. Nurse #13 stated she worked at the facility as needed. She further stated that she did not typically work the unit where Resident #86 resided and only worked 1 day every couple of weeks. Nurse #13 indicated that she had been assigned the unit where Resident #86 resided a few times but did not recall anything about Resident #86 and did not recall administering loperamide HCL 2 mg tablet to her on 2/22/2024 for diarrhea. 2/23/2024 NA #13 documented 1 medium loose and mushy stool at 12:08 AM, 1 large loose and watery stool at 12:03 PM, and NA #9 documented 1 large loose and mushy stool at 4:57 PM. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. 2/24/2024 NA #9 documented 1 large loose and mushy stool at 10:48 AM and NA #19 documented 1 large loose and watery stool at 9:53 PM. Loperamide 2 mg tablet prn was administered by Nurse #14 at 2:00 PM and was documented as effective. A telephone interview was completed with Nurse #14 on 7/25/2024 at 3:00 PM. Nurse #14 stated she worked at the facility as needed, and she could not remember anything about Resident #86. She further stated she couldn't recall the resident's name. Nurse #14 stated she was unable to recall administering loperamide HCL 2 mg tablet to Resident #86 for diarrhea on 2/24/2024. 2/25/2024 NA #9 documented 1 medium loose and mushy stool at 2:59 PM and NA #1 documented 1 large loose and mushy stool. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. 2/26/2024 NA #9 documented 1 large loose and watery stool at 10:37 AM and NA #1 large loose and mushy stool at 8:26 PM. Two doses of loperamide 2mg tablet prn were administered by the Staff Development Coordinator (SDC) Nurse one dose at 8:37 AM and was documented as effective and the dose at 7:06 PM the effectiveness was documented as unknown. 2/27/2024 NA #13 documented 1 medium formed/normal stool at 1:32 AM. NA #1 documented 1 large loose and watery stool at 11:05 AM and 1 large loose and mushy stool at 9:18 PM. Two doses of loperamide 2 mg tablet prn were administered by the SDC Nurse at 8:29 AM and 4:38 PM and they were documented as effective. (continued on next page)		

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F 0684 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	An interview was completed with the Staff Development Coordinator (SDC) Nurse on 7/23/2024 at 8:29 AM. The SDC Nurse stated she was working the 7 AM to 7 PM shift on the hall where Resident #86 resided on 2/26/2024 and 2/27/2024. The SDC Nurse reported Resident #86 was only in the facility for 20 days and that she could not recall anything about her. She stated she was unable to recall if a nurse aide (NA) had reported the diarrhea to her or if Resident #86 had requested the antidiarrheal medication herself. The SDC Nurse explained the electronic medical record the facility used for documentation had an alert system on the residents' dashboard (screen with pertinent information), it would display a red bell if the resident was having diarrhea or constipation, but she was unable to recall if the alert had been on the screen. The SDC Nurse indicated she was unable to remember if Resident #86 was having a lot of loose stools or if it had any foul odors. The SDC Nurse was unable to recall why Nurse #15 had contacted the Medical Director instead of her on 2/27/2024, because she was the charge nurse on the hall. She stated she was certain Resident #86's family member had never informed her she thought her mother had C. difficile, and she had not requested her to contact the Medical Director for a C. difficile test. A follow-up interview was completed with the SDC Nurse on 7/25/2024 at 9:10 AM. The SDC Nurse indicated if she administered the loperamide HCL to Resident #86 on 2/26/2024 and 2/27/2024, the NA must have told her she was having loose stools, or the resident requested it. She stated Nurse #15 was the unit manager in February and if Nurse #15 spoke to Resident #86's daughter regarding a C. difficile test, she was not made aware. The SDC Nurse explained if she suspected a resident was positive for C. difficile, she would first contact the Medical Director and get an order to obtain a stool specimen for a stool test. She further explained since C. difficile was highly contagious, she would place the resident in a private room and initiate enteric precautions. The SDC Nurse stated if the stool test was positive the Medical Director would order antibiotics, and the resident would remain on isolation precautions until they completed the course of antibiotics and was not having loose watery stools. 2/28/2024 NA #13 documented 1 medium loose and mushy stool at 12:06 AM and NA #9 documented 1 large formed/normal stool. No medication was documented as given for loose stools per the MAR. Resident #86's bowel movement documentation sheets from the date of admission, 2/8/24, through the date of discharge, 2/28/24, revealed she was coded as having 23 loose and watery stools, 19 loose and mushy stools, 1 putty like stool and 5 normal stools. The bowel movement documentation sheets and the daily assignment sheet revealed Resident #86 was assigned to NA #10 on 2/15/2024, 2/17/2024, and 2/24/2024. An interview was conducted with NA #10 on 7/23/2024 at 2:00 PM. NA #10 stated she was able to remember Resident #86 and the resident was incontinent of her bowels and was having frequent large loose foul-smelling stools when the resident was at the facility. NA #10 reported that while the bowel movements did have a terrible odor, she did not believe it smelt like the C. difficile odor she had smelled before when a resident had C. difficile. She indicated she did report the diarrhea to the nurse, but she was not able to remember which one. The bowel movement documentation sheets and the daily assignment sheet revealed NA #9 was assigned to care for Resident #86 on 2/9/2024, 2/10/2024, 2/14/2024, 2/16/2024, 2/22/2024, 2/24/2024, 2/25/2024, 2/26/2024, and 2/28/2024. (continued on next page)		

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F 0684 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	An interview was conducted with NA #9 on 7/23/2024 at 1:50 PM. NA #9 stated she was frequently assigned to care for Resident #86 when Resident #86 was residing in the facility. She reported Resident #86 was unable to ambulate and was receiving physical therapy. NA #9 stated Resident #86 was incontinent of bowels and had an indwelling catheter. She further stated Resident #86 was having frequent loose and mushy/watery stools with a foul odor and the resident kept asking why she was having so many bowel movements. NA #9 indicated she did report the frequent stools to the nurse, but she was unable to remember which one, because there was usually a different agency nurse assigned to the unit. Review of the bowel movement documentation sheets and daily assignment sheet revealed NA #1 was assigned to care for Resident #86 on 2/19/2024, 2/20/2024, 2/21/2024, 2/25/2024, and 2/26/2024. An interview was conducted with NA #1 on 7/25/2024 at 12:05 PM. NA #1 stated Resident #86 was incontinent of stool and was having very frequent and large loose bowel movements with a foul odor when she was a resident in the facility and the odor was even identifiable in the hallway outside her room. NA #1 stated anytime a resident had more than 1 bowel movement during the shift he would notify the nurse. NA #1 indicated Nurse #16 had been informed Resident #86 was having loose foul-smelling bowel movements but could not recall the date. A telephone interview was completed with Nurse #16 on 7/25/2024 at 2:34 PM. Nurse #16 stated she was no longer working at the facility, and she could not recall Resident #86 or anything about her. She further stated when she was employed at the facility, she had worked on different halls all the time and she just could not remember the resident or if she was having any issues with diarrhea. Nurse #16 indicated she was unable to recall if NA #1 reported to her that Resident #86 was having diarrhea, because she just couldn't remember that far back. Resident #86's MAR for February 2024 revealed she was administered 3 doses of bismuth subsalicylate and 10 doses of loperamide HCL from 2/13/2024 through 2/27/2024. A nurse's note for Resident #86 revealed the following secure conversation text message from Nurse #15 to the Medical Director dated 2/27/2024 at 3:33 PM which read in part, [family member] is concerned that resident is having a lot of loose BMs [bowel movements]. I looked through her chart and she does have a lot of watery stools but also a lot of mushy stools. May we have an order to test for C. difficile? The daughter also wants to know what else could be causing it if it were not C. difficile because her medications are the same as they were at home. Please advise. The Medical Director responded back to Nurse #15 on 2/27/2024 at 4:35 PM with the following message, if not watery they will not do a C. difficile test. Nurse #15's responded back to the Medical Director she would inform the family member. A telephone interview was conducted with Nurse #15 on 7/24/2024 at 9:13 AM. Nurse #15 stated she was a unit manager at the facility in February 2024, but that she was no longer employed by the facility. She further stated Resident #86's name sounded familiar, but she was unable to recall any information about her. Nurse #15 indicated she did not recall Resident #86's family member asking her to request a C. difficile test or recall Resident #86 having frequent loose stools. She stated she was unable to recall messaging the Medical Director or the reason she had contacted him. Nurse #15 stated she did not remember anything about Resident #86. (continued on next page)		

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F 0684 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	An interview was conducted with the Medical Director on 7/24/2024 at 10:31 AM. The Medical Director stated that whenever he was informed by the nursing staff that a resident was having loose stools, he would not usually immediately order a C. difficile test. He further stated he would first look at the medications they were taking to see if they could be having an effect on the bowels, such as laxatives or stool softeners, and he would stop the medications for a couple of days to see if the loose stools would clear up. The Medical Director confirmed Resident #86 was not administered any medications that could cause diarrhea during her stay at the facility. The Medical Director reported that constipation with overflow was the most common cause of loose stools in a nursing facility, so a C. difficile test and precautions would not be indicated, unless they had other symptoms. He stated that he was first informed Resident #86 was having diarrhea on 2/13/2024 when MDS Nurse #2 requested an order for loperamide HCL. The Medical Director indicated that if the resident was continuing to have loose stools and antidiarrheal medications were ineffective, he would have expected the nursing staff to contact him within 24-48 hours. He further indicated that part of the diarrhea protocol was if the medication were ineffective then he would order an abdominal x-ray to check for constipation with overflow. The Medical Director stated that there was clearly a communication problem because he had no idea that she was having so many loose and watery stools and the antidiarrheal medications were ineffective. He further stated that just by looking at Resident #86's bowel movement documentation sheets and the amount and frequency of loose and watery stools she was having, that this was a clear indication that she had C. difficile infection. The Medical Director stated that he was unaware that Resident #13 was continuing to have diarrhea after 2/13/ 2024 when he had ordered the loperamide HCL, because the nursing staff had not contacted him until 2/27/2024. A follow-up telephone interview was completed with the Medical Director on 7/25/2024 at 10:36 AM. The Medical Director stated he depended on the nursing staff to make him aware of any changes or concerns involving the residents. He further stated he would have expected the nursing staff to assess the resident for signs of infection if she was continuing to experience diarrhea and the antidiarrheal medications were ineffective. The Medical Director further stated that his protocol for diarrhea was to discontinue any medications that could be contributing to loose stools, and then the next step would be to order antidiarrheal medications, and if they were ineffective, he would order an abdominal x-ray to rule out constipation with overflow. The Medical Director further stated that if the x-ray was negative for constipation, he would then order a C. difficile test. He reported that people with healthy immune systems were usually able eradicate C. difficile infection on their own, and that most C. difficile infections were usually treated with a 10-day course of antibiotics. The Medical Director indicated the risk factors for developing a C. difficile infection was a recent hospitalization , post antibiotic use, and being immunocompromised. The Medical Director stated that if a C. difficile infection was left untreated, it could develop into pseudomembranous colitis and toxic megacolon (large), and in extreme cases rupture the colon and death. He further stated it just depends on whether the resident was immunocompromised with other comorbidities. The Medical Director indicated that isolation was not necessary unless they had other signs and symptoms of C. difficile infection. The facility's infection Tracking and Trending information for 2024 was reviewed with the DON on 7/24/2024 at 1:51 PM. The Tracking and Trending information revealed no record of residents who were diagnosed with C. difficile during the time of Resident #86 or after up through the date of the review. (continued on next page)		

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F 0684 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	A telephone interview was completed with Resident #86's Responsible Party (RP) on 7/25/2024 at 3:23 PM. The RP stated when Resident #86 was at the facility the resident was having diarrhea. She further stated when Resident #86 was discharged on [DATE] she had already made an appointment to take her straight to her Primary Care Physician's (PCP) office because of the continued diarrhea. The RP explained the Physician's Assistant (PA) at the PCP's office had ordered a C. difficile test based on the resident's report of diarrhea and the RP's report of the frequent stools with foul odor. She further stated at the appointment a stool sample was obtained and sent to the lab. She said the results were reported as positive on 2/29/2024 and the PA ordered 10 days of antibiotics for Resident #86. A telephone interview was completed with the PA at Resident #86's Primary Care Physician's office on 7/25/2024 3:40 PM. The PA stated that on 2/28/2024 the family had called on 2/27/2024 requesting Resident #86 be seen in the office due to having loose watery stools when she was in the facility. She further stated when Resident #86 was discharged from the facility her family had brought her straight to her office from the facility. The PA stated a stool sample was obtained and sent to the lab and the results were positive for C. diff [TRUNCATED]		

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F 0727 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Many	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. 35173 Based on record reviews and staff interview, the facility failed to schedule a Registered Nurse (RN) for at least 8 consecutive hours 12 of 122 days reviewed. The days included 06/10/23, 06/11/23, 06/24/23, 07/02/23, 07/09/23, 07/23/23, 10/29/23, 11/11/23, 11/12/23, 11/18/23, 11/19/23, and 11/26/23. Findings included: A review of the facility's daily schedules for the month of June 2023, July 2023 and from October 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023, was conducted on 07/26/24. The daily schedules indicated the resident census ranged from 75 to 88 from June 2023 through November 2023. The daily schedules revealed a Registered Nurse (RN) was not scheduled for at least 8 consecutive hours a day on the following dates: 06/10/23, 06/11/23, 06/24/23, 07/02/23, 07/09/23, 07/23/23, 10/29/23, 11/11/23, 11/12/23, 11/18/23, 11/19/23, and 11/26/23. An interview was conducted on 07/26/24 at 12:55 PM with the facility 's Administrator. During the interview, inquiry was made in regards to the RN hours indicated on the staffing schedule. The Administrator reported she was aware RN coverage was a problem at the facility and confirmed there were multiple days in 2023 where no RN coverage was provided and that the facility was not meeting the expectation to be in compliance with the regulations. The Administrator stated as of January 2024 the facility had been able to provide RN coverage 8 consecutive hours each day.		

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F 0756 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Ensure a licensed pharmacist perform a monthly drug regimen review, including the medical chart, following irregularity reporting guidelines in developed policies and procedures. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 35173 Based on record review, staff interviews, Pharmacist Consultant and Physician interviews the Pharmacy Consultant failed to identify that a resident (Resident #59) received 10 units of Novolog Insulin before meals for diabetes for an order to hold if glucose (blood sugar level) was less than 120 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dl) 10 times during two monthly drug regimen reviews (June 2024 and July 2024) for 1 of 5 residents reviewed for unnecessary medications. Findings included: Resident #59 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Diagnoses included type 2 diabetes mellitus. The Minimum Data Set quarterly assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #59 was cognitively intact and she received insulin and hypoglycemic (medications to treat diabetes) medications. A review of the Physician's order revealed an order was written for Novolog Insulin, inject 10 units subcutaneously with meals and hold if glucose is less than 120 mg/dl. A review of the June 2024 Medication Administration Record revealed an order Novolog Insulin, inject 10 units subcutaneously with meals and hold if glucose is less than 120 mg/dl. Resident #59's blood sugar reading was 109 mg/dl on 06/22/24, 104 mg/dl on 06/24/24, and 114 mg/dl on 06/30/24. The Medication Administration Record revealed Resident #59 was documented as receiving the Novolog Insulin 10 units on 06/22/24, 06/24/24, and 06/30/24 as evidenced by a checkmark and nursing initials. A review of the June 2024 drug regimen review conducted by the Consultant Pharmacist revealed there was no recommendation recognizing that the Novolog Insulin order to hold if blood glucose was less than 120 mg/dl was administered even though the blood sugar reading was less than 120 mg/dl on 06/22/24, 06/24/24, and 06/30/24. A review of the July 2024 Medication Administration Record revealed an order for Novolog Insulin, inject 10 units subcutaneously with meals and hold if glucose is less than 120 mg/dl. Resident #59's blood sugar reading was 107 mg/dl on 07/01/24, 113 mg/dl on 07/03/24, and 109 mg/dl on 07/06/24, 114 mg/dl on 07/10/24, 117 mg/dl on 07/21/24, 100 mg/dl on 07/22/24, and 116 mg/dl on 07/24/24. The Medication Administration Record revealed Resident #59 was documented as receiving the Novolog Insulin 10 units on 07/01/24, 07/03/24, 07/06/24, 07/10/24, 07/21/24, 07/22/24, and 07/24/24 as evidenced by a checkmark and nursing initials. A review of the July 2024 drug regimen review conducted by the Consultant Pharmacist revealed there was no recommendation recognizing that the Novolog Insulin order to hold if blood glucose was less than 120 mg/dl was administered even though the blood sugar reading was less than 120 mg/dl on 07/01/24, 07/03/24, 07/06/24, 07/10/24, 07/21/24, 07/22/24, and 07/24/24. (continued on next page)		

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F 0756 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	A phone interview was conducted with the facility's Pharmacist Consultant on 07/24/24 at 1:28 PM. The Pharmacist Consultant reported she was at the facility on 07/23/24 and completed the medication regimen review for the month of July for Resident #59. The Pharmacist reviewed Resident #59's electronic record for June and July and noticed that the nursing staff had documented they had administered the ordered insulin on 10 occasions even though the order stated to hold if the blood glucose level was less than 120 mg/dl. She stated she had overlooked that the medication was documented as being given despite the order to hold it when she was doing her drug regimen reviews and as a result, she did not alert the nursing staff regarding the error. The Pharmacist Consultant stated it was important for the nursing staff to follow the prescribed order when administering insulin to prevent the resident from getting hypoglycemia (a fall in blood sugar to levels below normal). An interview was conducted with the facility Physician on 07/24/24 at 10:17 AM. The Physician stated he had the parameter for holding the insulin in place because he did not want Resident #59's blood sugar level to get too low. The Physician stated if the facility was alerted to this order not being followed than the resident may not have received the insulin unnecessarily.		

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F 0757 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Ensure each resident's drug regimen must be free from unnecessary drugs. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 35173 Based on record review, staff interviews, Pharmacist Consultant and Physician interviews the facility failed follow a physician's order when a resident (Resident #59) received 10 units of Novolog Insulin before meals for diabetes when the order read to hold if glucose (blood sugar level) was less than 120 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dl). Resident received the medication 6 times between June 22, 2024, and July 24, 2024, for 1 of 5 residents reviewed for unnecessary medications. Findings included: Resident #59 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Diagnoses included type 2 diabetes mellitus. The Minimum Data Set quarterly assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #59 was cognitively intact and she received insulin and hypoglycemic (medications to treat diabetes) medications. A review of the physician's order revealed an order was written for Novolog Insulin, inject 10 units subcutaneously with meals and hold if glucose is less than 120 mg/dl. A review of the June 2024 Medication Administration Record revealed an order for Novolog Insulin, inject 10 units subcutaneously with meals and hold if glucose is less than 120 mg/dl. Resident #59's blood sugar reading was 109 mg/dl on 06/22/24. The Medication Administration Record revealed Resident #59 received the Novolog Insulin on 06/22/24 as evidenced by a checkmark and nursing initials. A review of the July 2024 Medication Administration Record revealed an order for Novolog Insulin, inject 10 units subcutaneously with meals and hold if glucose is less than 120 mg/dl. Resident #59's blood sugar reading was 107 mg/dl on 07/01/24, 113 mg/dl on 07/03/24, and 109 mg/dl on 07/06/24, 114 mg/dl on 07/10/24, and 116 mg/dl on 07/24/24. The Medication Administration Record revealed Resident #59 received the Novolog Insulin on 07/01/24, 07/03/24, 07/06/24, 07/10/24, and 07/24/24 as evidenced by a checkmark and nursing initials. An interview was conducted with Nurse #1 on 07/24/24 at 9:45 AM. Nurse #1 confirmed the initials on the Medication Administration Record on 06/22/24, 07/01/24, 07/03/24, 07/10/24, and 07/24/24 were hers. She stated the checkmark under each of the dates meant that the medication was administered. Nurse #1 stated she administered the Novolog Insulin even though the order read to hold the insulin if the blood sugar level was less than 120 mg/dl because the resident stated she wanted it. Nurse #1 stated the resident had rights and if she wanted the medication, then she would administer it. An interview with Nurse #2 on 07/26/24 at 10:10 AM. Nurse #2 confirmed the initials on the Medication Administration Record on 07/06/24 was hers. She stated the checkmark under the date the medication was administered meant that the medication was administered. She stated she could not remember if she administered the medication or not and she may have signed it as given in error. She was not certain if she held the insulin or not. (continued on next page)		

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F 0757 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	An interview was conducted with the facility Physician on 07/24/24 at 10:17 AM. The Physician stated he had the parameter for holding the insulin in place because he did not want Resident #59's blood sugar level to get too low. He stated he would have expected the nursing staff to follow the order as written and hold the insulin when the glucose reading was below 120 mg/dl so that the resident would not receive a medication unnecessarily.		

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F 0880 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program. 37673 Based on record review, observations and staff interviews, the facility failed to maintain infection control prevention by: (1) touching medications with bare hands during medication preparation for 1 of 3 medication administration observations completed; and (2) failed to follow enhanced barrier precautions while caring for a resident ' s feeding tube for 1 of 2 residents observed for tube feeding care (Resident #37). Finding Included: The facility policy for Medication Administration effective 12/2023 under Administration of Oral Medications reads: Never touch pills or tablets with bare hands. 1) During an observation of a medication administration pass on 07/23/24 at 8:46 am Medication Aide #4 was observed handling the following medications with her bare hands: Lasix, Protonix, Docusate, Carvedilol, Micro K, Preservision, and Zolof. She popped the pills out of the bubble packs into her bare hand then placed them in a medication cup. She was not observed to use hand sanitizer or wash her hands prior to preparing the medications. During medication preparation she touched the computer keyboard, and multiple pill bottles and bubble packs. She was stopped after she crossed the threshold of the door into the resident ' s room. In an interview with Medication Aide #4 on 07/23/24 at 8:55 am she stated she intended to administer the medications to the resident. She reported she usually used her bare hands to handle medications and she was not aware she should not because she always did. She concluded she thought it was fine to handle the pills and tablets without wearing gloves and that she had seen others do it as well. The Director of Nursing (DON) was in the hallway and present during the interview with Medication Aide #4. In an interview with the DON on 7/23/24 at 9:40 am she stated nurses are taught in orientation to pop medications into the cap of the bottle or into the medication cup, not into a bare hand. She explained because Medication Aide #4 was hired as a Nurse Aide and not a Medication Aide, she did not get the same orientation as a Medication Aide. She concluded medications should never be handled with bare hands then given to a resident. In an additional interview with the DON on 07/23/24 at 10:00 am she recanted her statement that Medication Aide #4 had not been trained on how to handle medications and provided documentation that showed Medication Aide #4 had been educated to not touch pills or tablets with her bare hands and had passed a return demonstration skills test. Review of the Medication Aide Technician (SNF) Skills Checklist revealed that on 8/15/23 Medication Aide #4 was observed one time in a return demonstration to administer PO medications per the facility policy successfully. Medication Aide #4 had signed the facility policy that stated to never touch pills or tablets with bare hands on 08/15/23. (continued on next page)		

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F 0880 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	In an interview with the facility physician on 07/24/24 at 10:50 am he stated he would not expect staff to handle medications with their bare hands prior to administration to a resident in an effort to prevent the spread of infection. 44890 2) A blue Enhanced Barrier Precautions sign was noted outside Resident 37's door. The sign read in part, Perform hand hygiene with alcohol based handrub or wash with soap and water before entering and leaving room .Wear gown and gloves for the following High-Contact Resident Care Activities which include: Dressing, bathing/showering, Transferring, Changing linens, changing briefs or assisting with toileting, and Device Care or use: central line, urinary catheter, feeding tube, tracheostomy, Wound Care: any skin opening requiring a dressing. An observation of Nurse #5 performing bolus feeding for Resident #37 was conducted on 7/22/2024 at 11:59 AM. Nurse #5 applied gloves and was observed providing bolus feeding through Resident #37's gastrostomy tube without a protective gown on. An interview with Nurse #5 was completed on 7/22/2024 at 12:20 PM. Nurse #5 stated that she was supposed to have worn a protective gown when performing tube feeding. She further stated that she just forgot because she was nervous, and the use of enhanced barrier precautions was new. An interview with the Staff Development Coordinator (SDC) Nurse was conducted on 7/23/2024 at 8:30 AM. The SDC stated the facility staff were educated multiple times regarding the Enhance Barrier Precautions that went into effect on 4/1/2024. She further stated that the prior SDC Nurse had educated the staff on Enhanced Barrier Precautions on 3/2/2024 and that the education was continued on 3/21/2024 and 3/26/2024. The SDC Nurses indicated that the Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) had assisted her in providing additional staff in-services regarding Enhanced Barrier Precautions on 4/24/2024, 4/25/2024, 5/8/2024 and 5/31/2024. She further indicated that she was continuing to monitor the progress of the staff by conducting audits and providing continuing education regarding Enhanced Barrier Precautions. The SDC Nurse stated that Nurse #5 was supposed to have been wearing a gown while performing bolus feeding for Resident #37. An interview with Director of Nursing (DON) and the Assistant Director of Nursing was completed on 7/24/2024 at 2:09 PM. The DON stated that Nurse #5 was supposed to follow the Enhanced Barrier Precautions that were put in place 4/1/2024 while performing bolus tube feeding for Resident #37. She further stated that Nurse #5 was supposed to have worn a gown while performing hands on care for a resident with feeding tube. The DON and the ADON indicated the staff had received multiple in-services and that they would have to continue auditing for compliance. An interview with Administrator was completed on 7/26/2024 at 12:51 PM. The Administrator stated that Enhanced Barrier Precautions were new to the facility and that she felt Nurse #5 was just nervous and forgot to apply her gown while administering bolus tube feeding to Resident #37. She further stated that at the end of the day, she expected the staff to follow policies and procedures, and the proper use of personnel protective equipment (PPE).		