

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 345215	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/21/2024
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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 48007</p> <p>Based on record reviews and interviews with family, staff, Physician Assistant, and Physician the facility failed to monitor and assess a resident's neurological status (an assessment of motor and sensory response to determine if the nervous system is impaired) after an unwitnessed fall for a resident on an anticoagulant (Coumadin) and to recognize the seriousness of a change in condition and immediately seek emergent medical care. On [DATE] at approximately 9:30 AM Resident #1 was found in her room sitting on the floor and was unable to report what happened. At approximately 1:55 PM the resident was identified with lethargy, a change in mental status, and later developed unclear speech. The resident's family requested a transfer to the emergency room (ER) and 911 was called at 5:28 PM. A computerized tomography (CT) revealed multiple abnormalities including a large (9.4 centimeter [cm]) hemorrhagic contusion (bleeding within the skull) and a subdural hematoma (buildup of blood on the surface of the brain) with a 9-millimeter (mm) left-to-right midline shift (displacement of brain tissue along the center of the brain). Resident #1's injury was a life ending event, she was changed to comfort care, and expired on [DATE]. This deficient practice was for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for falls (Resident #1).</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #1 was admitted into the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses of hypertension, non-Alzheimer's dementia, disorder of bone density and structure, anxiety disorder, long term use of anticoagulant, fracture of the superior rim (upper end) of the left pubis (one of the three smaller bones that make up the hip bone), and presence of a prosthetic heart valve.</p> <p>A review of Resident #1's quarterly Minimum Data Set, dated dated [DATE] included that Resident #1 was severely cognitively impaired, had clear speech, was able to express ideas and wants, and was able to understand verbal content. She received both scheduled and as needed pain medication and her pain assessment indicated she was frequently in pain with pain rating a 7 on a scale of 0 to 10 with 0 meaning no pain at all and 10 meaning very severe pain. It also included that she was taking an anticoagulant medication.</p> <p>A physician order dated [DATE] indicated to keep the order for Coumadin 2.5 milligrams (mg) daily for an International Normalized Ratio (INR) (a test that determines how long it takes blood to clot) of 3.1 and to recheck the INR in 2 weeks. The normal range INR range for a person with atrial fibrillation is 2XXX, d+[DATE].0. An increased INR makes a person more prone to bleeding.</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 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Resident #1's medical record indicated on [DATE] Resident #1's INR was 4.4 and orders were received to decrease the dose of her anticoagulant medication to 2.0 mg and to draw the next lab on [DATE].</p> <p>A physician order dated [DATE] indicated that Resident #1's order for Coumadin was decreased from 2.5 mg to 2 mg.</p> <p>An interview conducted on [DATE] at 3:15 PM with Nurse #3 indicated that the normal protocol for neurological checks were to complete as follows: every 15 minutes x 1 hour, every 30 minutes x 1 hour, every hour for 4 hours and then every 4 hours for 24 hours.</p> <p>An incident report dated [DATE] at 9:30 AM by Nurse #3 indicated that the nurse was called to the room and noted Resident #1 sitting on the floor. Resident #1 was alert, verbal and was assisted to the chair. Resident #1 stated she did not know what to do. There were no injuries observed at the time of the incident and Resident #1's mental status was confused. There were no witnesses to the fall.</p> <p>A progress note by Nurse #1 on [DATE] at 9:30 AM indicated Resident #1 had an unwitnessed fall and Nurse #1 was called to the room and noted the resident was sitting on the floor, was alert and verbal, was assisted to the chair, and stated she did not know what to do.</p> <p>During a telephone interview with Nurse #1 on [DATE] at 10:45 AM she indicated she completed an initial neurological check on Resident #1 when she assessed her after the fall on [DATE]. The results were within normal range except for limited movement to hips which was not abnormal for the resident due to her fractured pubis.</p> <p>A neurological assessment was documented by Nurse #1 on [DATE] at 9:35 AM and was within normal range except for extremity movement indicated limited range of motion to hips.</p> <p>During a telephone interview with Nurse #1 on [DATE] at 10:45 AM she was asked about the timing of the neurological assessments since she had documented one at 9:35 AM which was 5 minutes after the time of her first neurological assessment. She was unable to explain the time but stated that she completed this neurological assessment per protocol.</p> <p>Additional progress notes for Resident #1 dated [DATE] completed by Nurse #1 indicated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At 10:00 AM the neurological assessment was within normal range except for extremity movement of limited range of motion to her bilateral hips. - At 10:15 AM the neurological assessment was within normal range. - At 11:09 AM the neurological assessment was within normal range except for extremity movement: limited range of motion to hips. - At 12:10 PM the neurological assessment was within normal range except for extremity movement was limited range of motion to hips. <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On [DATE], the Assistant Director of Nursing reviewed all progress notes for the past 30 days to identify any resident with an acute change including residents with recent falls who are on blood thinners. The purpose of the audit is to ensure the resident was assessed, interventions initiated as appropriate to include neuro checks or emergent medical treatment, the physician was notified for further recommendations and the resident representative was notified with documentation in the electronic record. The Assistant Director of Nursing will address all concerns identified during the audit. The audit was completed by [DATE].</p> <p>On [DATE], the Assistant Director of Nursing reviewed the past 30 days of fall incident reports to include residents on blood thinners. This audit is to ensure the resident was assessed, interventions initiated as appropriate to include neuro checks or emergent medical treatment, the physician notified for further recommendations, and the resident representative notified with documentation in the electronic record. If the acute change continued, the resident did not improve or the physician was not on-site during an emergency situation, the physician was notified again for further recommendations, or the resident was sent out to the hospital for further evaluation. There were no additional concerns identified during the audit. The audit was completed by [DATE].</p> <p>Address what measures will be put into place or systemic changes made to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur.</p> <p>On [DATE], the Assistant Director of Nursing initiated an in-service with all nurses to include the agency regarding Acute change with emphasis on 1) assessing changes in condition to include neurological checks, obtaining vital signs, initiating interventions for the acute change, notification of the physician for further recommendations and notifying the resident representative with documentation in the electronic record. 2) If acute change continues, the resident does not improve or the physician is not on-site during an emergent event, the resident should be sent to the emergency room for further evaluation and treatment with notification of the physician and resident representative with documentation in the electronic record. The in-services will be completed by [DATE]. After [DATE], the Director of Nursing monitored staff completion and any nurse who has not worked or received the in-service will complete it before the next scheduled work shift. All newly hired nurses will be educated during orientation by the Director of Nursing regarding Acute Changes. The Administrator confirmed this responsibility with the Director of Nursing on [DATE].</p> <p>On [DATE], the Assistant Director of Nursing initiated an in-service with all CNAs to include agency staff regarding Notification of Acute Changes with emphasis on immediately reporting to the nurse any change in condition to include but not limited to a decreased level of consciousness. The in-service will be completed by [DATE]. After [DATE], the Director of Nursing monitored staff completion and any nursing assistant who has not worked or received the in-service will complete it before the next scheduled work shift. All newly hired nursing assistants will be educated during orientation. All newly hired nursing assistants will be educated during orientation by the Director of Nursing regarding Notification of Acute Changes. The Administrator confirmed this responsibility with the Director of Nursing on [DATE].</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER River Trace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 250 Lovers Lane Washington, NC 27889	
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