

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 345236	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/15/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER August Healthcare at Wilmington		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 820 Wellington Avenue Wilmington, NC 28401	

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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** 35173</p> <p>Based on record review, and staff, family and physician interviews, the facility failed to obtain orders from a Pulmonologist for the appropriate setting for a resident's (Resident #189) Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machine (used as a type of ventilator with diagnoses of obstructive sleep apnea; a health condition that causes brief pauses in breathing during sleep) upon resident's admission and during the resident's stay at the facility for 8 days. This was for 1 of 1 resident reviewed that utilized a CPAP machine.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Review of the discharge summary from the hospital Resident #189 was discharged from on 11/23/24 revealed there were no orders written for Resident #189 for a CPAP machine.</p> <p>Resident #189 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] and discharged to the hospital on 12/02/24. Diagnoses included, in part, obstructive sleep apnea (OSA).</p> <p>The admitting physician orders revealed there were no orders written for CPAP use. The physician orders dated 11/23/24 included: Advair discus 100-50 microgram (mcg) per dose - 1 inhalation orally one time daily for shortness of breath</p> <p>Albuterol Sulfate 108 mcg - 2 puffs inhale orally every 4 hours as needed for shortness of breath or wheezing</p> <p>Albuterol Sulfate 2.5 milligrams (mg) /3 milliliters (ml) 0.083% nebulization solution inhale 3 ml by mouth every 6 hours as needed for bronchospasm</p> <p>Spiriva Respimat 2.5 mcg -1 inhalation inhale orally twice a day for shortness of breath.</p> <p>A nursing note written on 11/23/24 by Nurse #4 revealed Resident was alert and oriented and was able to make all his needs known with clear speech. Resident was aware of his medication list and vital signs were stable. Resident vocalized no discomforts. Nurse will ask for an order for resident's CPAP that he brought from home.</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.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE
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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 attempted with Nurse #4 who wrote the nursing note on 11/23/24 regarding obtaining an order for the resident's CPAP that he brought in from home. A voicemail message and text message were left for a returned call on 05/15/25 at 9:48 AM. Nurse #4 did not respond to voicemail message or text message.</p> <p>Review of Resident #189's care plan dated 11/23/24 revealed a plan of care was in place for altered respiratory status related to obstructive sleep apnea, shortness of breath, and bronchospasm (constriction of the smooth muscle layers of the small airways that can cause swelling or irritation of the airway). Interventions included administering medications as ordered and monitor, elevate head of bed to prevent shortness of breath, pace and schedule activities providing rest periods. There was no plan of care in place for the use of a CPAP machine.</p> <p>Review of a hand written form titled Resident Personal Possessions Inventory dated 11/23/24 under the clothing and shoes section the following was included: 1 pair of shoes, 3 bibs, 8 shirts, 9 pair of pants, 1 underwear, 9 socks, 3 tanks. In the equipment section of the form the list included a knee Brace, phone and charger. In the other personals section, the list included CPAP, electric razor, shoe horn and wedge. The form was not signed by staff or resident.</p> <p>A physician note written on 11/27/24 revealed, in part, resident was feeling okay overall and denied any shortness of breath. Resident knew his history and had been asking about his prescribed medications. Resident stated he had obstructive sleep apnea and has a CPAP machine next to his bed but did not use it last night because it was too far away for him to reach. Resident stated he has had the same settings on his CPAP for four years and used the machine while in hospital with no changes. Will recommend he start CPAP at night.</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set admission assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #189 was alert and cognitively intact. Resident #189 was coded as having shortness of breath and required extensive assistance with one staff physical assistance with bed mobility, and supervision with two staff physical assistance with transfers.</p> <p>A physician note written on 11/29/24 revealed, in part, resident stated he has not used his CPAP as yet. Discussed CPAP issue with nursing and they will be getting a hold of resident's pulmonary doctor to see what his settings are supposed to be. Resident denied any current shortness of breath or complaints of pain. Resident stated he has had same settings for four years and used the CPAP machine while in the hospital with no changes. Will recommend he start CPAP at night and discussed with nursing to reach out to his pulmonary doctor.</p> <p>Review of the hospital emergency room (ER) admission note on 12/02/24 revealed the resident presented with increased confusion. Resident had a history of sleep apnea and reportedly uses CPAP at night but did not use it last night (12/01/24). The emergency note indicated that the facility reported resident was refusing CPAP, resident reported facility denied giving CPAP. Under the Past Medical History section of the ER note sleep apnea was listed as a diagnosis with a sentence in italics pt. states that he does not wear CPAP. There were no other notes regarding use of CPAP at this local hospital.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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