

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 345268	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 02/12/2026
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<p>F 0658</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure services provided by the nursing facility meet professional standards of quality.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, record review, and interviews with Resident #101, the resident's Power of Attorney (POA), and staff, the facility failed to follow professional standards of practice for medication administration for 1 of 1 resident reviewed (Resident #101) when Nurse #3 crushed and administered Atorvastatin 40 mg (milligrams), a medication used to lower cholesterol and reduce the risk of cardiovascular events such as heart attack and stroke. The findings included: Resident #101 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included cerebral infarction, epilepsy, slurred speech, and dysphagia. Review of physician orders dated 02/07/2026 revealed Atorvastatin 40 mg was ordered to be administered orally once daily. The order specified the medication was to be administered whole and was not to be crushed. Review of the manufacturer's Prescribing Information for Atorvastatin dated February 2023, revealed the tablets are to be swallowed whole and should not be crushed, chewed, or broken. Review of the Medication Administration Record (MAR) revealed on 02/09/2026 at 9:00 PM Nurse #3 administered Atorvastatin 40 mg to Resident #101. The MAR did not specify the form in which the medication was administered however, The MAR included instructions indicating the Atorvastatin 40 mg was not to be crushed. Review of the comprehensive Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed she was cognitively intact. An interview conducted with Resident #101's Power of Attorney (POA) on 02/10/2026 at 10:00 AM revealed she stayed overnight on 02/09/2026 and observed Nurse #3 crush and administer Resident #101's nighttime medications, including Atorvastatin 40 mg. The POA stated she informed Nurse #3 that the physician's order specified the medication was to be administered whole and not crushed and reported she had a copy of the order available at that time. The POA stated Nurse #3 responded that the medications had already been crushed and informed her that if Resident #101 refused to take the medication in crushed form, she would not receive her medication until the next scheduled dose. An interview conducted with Resident #101 on 02/10/2026 at 10:15 AM revealed Nurse #3 administered her nighttime medication, including Atorvastatin 40 milligrams (mg), in crushed form on 02/09/2026. Resident #101 stated Nurse #3 informed her the medication would not harm her and told her that if she refused to take it, she would not receive it again until the next scheduled dose. Resident #101 stated she took the medication as instructed. An interview conducted with Nurse #3 on 02/10/2026 at 6:17 PM revealed she crushed and administered Resident #101's nighttime medications, including Atorvastatin 40 mg, on 02/09/2026. Nurse #3 stated it was her first shift at the facility as an agency nurse and her first time caring for Resident #101. Nurse #3 stated she believed the medications needed to be crushed due to the Resident #101's history of stroke and information reportedly received from the previous shift nurse. Nurse #3 acknowledged she did not verify the physician's order prior to crushing the medication and did not contact the provider or pharmacy to clarify the order. An interview conducted with the Director of Nursing (DON) on 02/12/2026 at 12:48 PM revealed Nurse #3 was working as an agency nurse on 02/09/2026. The DON stated nursing staff are expected to review physician orders prior to medication administration and administer medications as prescribed. The DON stated she was notified of the incident on 02/10/2026 by Resident #101's POA. The DON reported she initiated an internal investigation upon learning of the incident. The DON stated Nurse #3 (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 0755</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide pharmaceutical services to meet the needs of each resident and employ or obtain the services of a licensed pharmacist.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on record review, Physician and staff interviews, the facility failed to have effective systems in place for shift change narcotic reconciliation and failed to keep discontinued narcotic medications under two locks for return to the pharmacy. This failure resulted in 30 missing oxycodone/acetaminophen 10/325 milligrams (mg) and 50 missing oxycodone 5 mg for a total of 80 missing tablets. This occurred for 2 of 2 residents reviewed for misappropriation of medications (Resident #98 and Resident #103). The findings included: Review of the medical record for Resident #98 revealed a physician order dated [DATE] for oxycodone/acetaminophen (a narcotic pain medication) 10/325 mg one (1) tablet by mouth twice per day as needed for moderate pain. Review of the medication administration record revealed on [DATE] Resident #98 received oxycodone/acetaminophen 10/325 mg at 9:21 AM for pain he rated 9 (1-10 scale with 1 being no or minimal pain and 10 being intense pain). This was administered by Medication Aide (MA) #1 and it was documented as effective for his pain. Review of the schedule for [DATE] revealed MA #1 was scheduled to work on the day shift (7:00 AM to 3:00 PM) and Nurse #1 was scheduled to work afternoon and night shift (3:00 PM to 11:00 PM and 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM). Review of the schedule for [DATE] revealed MA #1 was scheduled to work the day shift. A facility initial allegation report completed by the former Administrator dated [DATE] reported that oxycodone/acetaminophen 10/325 mg belonging to Resident #98 was not located in the medication cart. The report indicated that the pharmacy was notified, the police were notified, and an investigation of Change of Custody and delivery was initiated. The facility investigation report completed by the former Assistant Director of Nursing dated [DATE] described the investigation that was initiated on [DATE] that included suspension of MA #1 and Nurse #1. Alert and oriented residents were interviewed regarding administration of their pain medications and pain assessments were conducted on moderately cognitively impaired residents. No issues were identified during the assessments. The facility conducted a 30-day look back audit on all narcotics received and the facility identified one other resident (Resident #103) with missing narcotics. The facility reviewed 7 employee files and licenses, and conducted urine drug screening on 7 staff, including MA #1 and Nurse #1 and all urine drug screens were negative for narcotic medications. The facility notified Adult Protective Services on [DATE] as well as the local police and Drug Enforcement Administration. The facility concluded that they were unable to substantiate the misappropriation of the medications. A statement given by MA #1 dated [DATE] documented, (MA#1) worked 100, 300, and 600 units on [DATE]. The narcotics count was 36 for the AM and the PM shifts (number of cards of narcotics matched the number of narcotic sheets). My relief for the afternoon on [DATE] was (Nurse #1). On [DATE] (MA #1) received the cart from (Nurse #1). She assured me the count was still 36 like the previous day and we counted the cart. I gave return meds to (Unit Manager (UM) #1). I continued my med pass on 300 unit. (Resident #98) asked for pain meds while being transported to therapy. I assured him I would bring it to him. As I looked in narcotics book and cart, I didn't see a blister pack for him (of oxycodone/acetaminophen 5/325 mg tablets). I know that I didn't give the last pill the previous day, so I was unsure of why he didn't have any more (narcotic medication). I notified (UM #1). A clarifying statement given by MA #1 dated [DATE] documented Tuesday morning ([DATE]) Nurse #1 and I were counting narcotics on 600 hall . and the count was accurate. We went to the 100/300 hall medication cart to count narcotics, we started counting, she said, 'we still have 36 items in the cart' and I did not count to confirm. An interview was conducted with MA #1 on [DATE] at 2:21 PM. MA #1 reported she had worked several shifts before and after Nurse #1 prior to [DATE] and the morning of [DATE], she and Nurse #1 had counted the narcotics in the medication cart for the 600 hall, but when MA #1 went to count the 300 hall cart and Nurse #1 told her, Oh, we don't need to do that, it's the same as it was yesterday afternoon. MA #1 reported she knew she should not skip the (continued on next page)</p>		

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