

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  345312	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  02/05/2025
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<p>F 0604</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that each resident is free from the use of physical restraints, unless needed for medical treatment.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 37014</b></p> <p>Based on record review, photographic evidence review, and staff, Law Enforcement Officer, Wound Nurse Practitioner, and Medical Doctor interviews, the facility failed to protect a vulnerable resident's right to be free from physical restraints when Resident #1 was found with socks placed on each hand and held in place by rubber bands wrapped around each wrist for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for restraints (Resident #1). On 01/27/25 at approximately 12:00 AM, Resident #1 was observed with socks covering each hand that were secured with rubber bands wrapped around each wrist, effectively forming tourniquets (device often used in emergency situations to apply pressure to a limb or extremity to stop blood flow) on her wrists, but not in a controlled manner. Her hands appeared larger than normal through the socks and the rubber bands had to be cut in order to remove the socks from Resident #1's hands. Resident #1's right hand was edematous (abnormally swollen due to an accumulation of fluid in the bodies tissues) and bright red in appearance. There were several blisters on the top of the hand, a large fluid filled blister in the palm of the hand with some drainage and a red ligature (visible indentation left on the skin) mark around the right wrist. Resident #1 was evaluated by the Wound NP on 01/27/25 who noted the blister on the palm of Resident #1's right hand measured 17 centimeters (cm) by 20 cm by 0 cm and ordered wound treatment to be applied daily. The reasonable person concept was applied to this deficiency as a reasonable person would not expect to have socks placed on their hands preventing them from freely moving their fingers or using their hands and would experience pain from rubber bands wrapped tightly around their wrists to hold the socks in place.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included Alzheimer's disease, dementia and multiple sclerosis (a chronic disease that affects the central nervous system).</p> <p>The quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] assessed Resident #1 with severe impairment in cognition. She required total staff assistance for all self-care tasks, mobility and transfers. She had no impairment in her upper or lower extremities and displayed no behaviors or rejection of care. The MDS noted Resident #1 weighed 97 pounds, had no unhealed pressure ulcers or other skin conditions, received hospice care, and used no restraints.</p> <p>A care plan last revised on 11/14/24 revealed Resident #1 had a behavior problem of coprophagy (eating feces). Interventions included for staff to intervene as necessary, divert attention, monitor and provide hygiene care as needed. The care plan did not include any intervention to apply socks and/or rubber bands to her hands.</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 0604</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Review of the physician orders for Resident #1 revealed no order for restraints or the application of socks or rubber binding to her hands and/or wrists.</p> <p>A Situation, Background, Assessment and Response (SBAR) summary note written by Nurse #1 on 01/27/25 at 12:30 AM revealed in part, Resident #1 had socks on both hands for protection from scratching and digging. The socks were removed to assess the skin and Resident #1's hands were swollen with serum (clear, watery liquid) blisters to the right hand. The on-call provider and Director of Nursing (DON) were notified.</p> <p>A telephone interview was conducted with Nurse #1 on 01/29/25 at 1:48 PM. Nurse #1 revealed she was employed by the facility and verified she was assigned to provide Resident #1's care on Sunday 01/26/25 to Monday 01/27/25 during the hours of 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM. Nurse #1 recalled around 12:30 AM, Nurse Aide (NA) #1 came to let her know that Resident #1 was found with socks on her hands, rubber bands around her wrists and her hands were swollen. Nurse #1 stated she immediately went to assess Resident #1, NA #1 had already removed the sock and rubber bands off Resident #1's right hand and Nurse #1 stated she cut the sock and rubber bands off Resident #1's left hand. Nurse #1 recalled Resident #1's right hand was swollen, blistered and red and her left hand was swollen but not blistered. Nurse #1 notified the DON, called the on-call provider and while waiting for a return phone call from the on-call provider, she went ahead and provided treatment to Resident #1's right hand. Nurse #1 stated she looked through Resident #1's medical records and did not see any physician orders for socks to be placed on her hands and there was no intervention in her care plan either. Nurse #1 explained Resident #1 would play in her feces on occasion and she could only assume that was why someone had placed the socks and rubber bands on her hands; however, that was not an intervention the facility typically used. She did not know who applied the socks or rubber bands on Resident #1's hands or how long they had been in place. Nurse #1 stated during her assessment, Resident #1 did not display signs or symptoms of pain as she had just received her scheduled morphine (pain medication) earlier that evening. Nurse #1 stated no one had mentioned anything to her about the socks and rubber bands observed on Resident #1's hands until it was brought to her attention by NA #1.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0604</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A telephone interview was conducted with NA #5 on 01/30/25 at 10:08 AM. NA #5 revealed she was employed by the facility and verified she worked on Saturday 01/25/25 during the hours of 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Resident #1's hall with NA #2. She explained NA #2 was assigned to provide care to the residents on the left side of 500 Hall where Resident #1 resided and she was assigned to provide care to the residents on the right side of the hall. NA #5 recalled sometime right after lunch, NA #2 asked her to pull Resident #1 up in bed and when she did, she noticed Resident #1 had socks on each hand with one rubber band around each wrist that was holding the socks in place. NA #5 stated she did not notice anything unusual about how her hands looked with the socks on nor did she recall noticing any signs of swelling or redness on the visible skin. NA #5 expressed she did not question why Resident #1 had socks and rubber bands on her hands, did not remove them and just assumed the socks were put on for a reason.</p> <p>A telephone interview was conducted with NA #6 on 01/30/25 at 11:32 AM. NA #6 revealed she was employed by a staffing agency and verified she was assigned to provide care to Resident #1 on Saturday 01/25/25 to Sunday 01/26/25 during the hours of 3:00 PM to 7:00 AM. NA #6 recalled when she started her shift on 01/25/25, Resident #1 had had socks on her hands with one (1) rubber band wrapped around each wrist holding the socks in place. She explained the rubber bands were slid over the wrist, not wrapped twice or tight, and described it like someone who would put a hair tie on their wrist loosely in case they wanted to pull their hair up. NA #6 stated usually the nurses were the only ones that had rubber bands and she just assumed the nurses had put the socks and rubber bands on Resident #1's hands and wrists for a particular reason and didn't ask anyone about it. NA #6 stated she assumed it was standard protocol because she was told that Resident #1 liked to dig in her bottom and play with/eat her fecal matter. NA #6 revealed she also worked on Sunday 01/26/25 to Monday 01/27/25 during the hours of 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM and had gone into the room with NA #1 to check on Resident #1. NA #6 recalled there were rubber bands wrapped around Resident #1's wrist multiple times to hold the socks in place and even with the socks on her hands, you could see that Resident #1's hands were huge. NA #6 stated NA #1 had to cut the rubber bands off of Resident #1's wrist and she had blisters on her hands that had leaked through the socks onto the bed linens. NA #6 stated NA #1 immediately informed Nurse #1 who came and assessed Resident #1. NA #6 restated she did not question or ask why Resident #1 had socks and rubber bands on her hands and wrists on 01/25/25 and was not sure who put them on Resident #1's hands.</p> <p>Unsuccessful telephone attempts were made on 01/29/25 at 1:12 PM and 01/31/25 at 10:18 PM for an interview with Nurse #4 who was employed by a staffing agency and was assigned to provide Resident #1's care on Saturday 01/25/25 during the hours of 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0604</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During interviews on 01/29/25 at 3:42 PM and 01/30/25 at 9:40 AM, the Director of Nursing (DON) revealed she received a call from Nurse #1 on 01/27/25 around 1:15 AM informing her that she (Nurse #1) had observed socks on both of Resident #1's hands with rubber bands placed tightly around her wrists, both hands were swollen and the right hand had blisters. The DON recalled when she arrived at the facility around 1:35 AM, Nurse #1 had already provided wound care and bandaged Resident #1's hand. When the DON removed the bandages from Resident #1's hand, both hands were pink and swollen and the right hand had several blisters on the top part of the hand and one large blister covering the palm of the right hand. The DON stated during the assessment, she did not notice any indentation from the rubber bands on Resident #1's wrists due to all the swelling and Resident #1 did not display any signs or symptoms of discomfort or pain. The DON stated she called the Administrator to inform him of the incident and then started an investigation. She stated Resident #1 was evaluated by the MD 01/27/25, he started Resident #1 on an antibiotic prophylactically (treatment taken to prevent or protect against infection) and provided orders for wound treatment twice a day. The DON recalled the MD stating based on the extent of Resident #1's injuries, the rubber bands had been on her wrists for less than 7 hours and if they had been in place any longer, there would have been more cell death. She stated when she spoke with Resident #1's Responsible Party (RP) on 01/27/25 to inform the RP of what had occurred, the RP reported being aware that socks were being put on Resident #1's hands because she played with her feces and was ok with them being used. She explained to Resident #1's RP that type of intervention was not something the facility would use as it was considered a restraint. The DON verified socks placed on the hands and secured with rubber bands was never an appropriate intervention to use on any resident and facility hired and agency staff were informed during orientation that restraints were not something the facility used.</p> <p>During an interview on 01/30/25 at 4:44 PM, the Administrator recalled he woke up around 5:30 AM on 01/27/25 and noticed he had missed a call from the DON. He called the DON and she informed him of the incident involving Resident #1. When asked what he was told by the DON, he stated at that point she was describing the aftermath, basically the extent of Resident #1's injuries. The Administrator stated when he arrived at the facility and observed Resident #1's hands, she still had a good deal of swelling in the right hand and the right hand was red and blistered. Resident #1's left hand was a little less red and swollen with no blisters. The Administrator stated when they started their investigation, they initially thought the rubber bands were placed on Resident #1's wrists on Sunday 01/26/25 during second shift (3:00 PM to 11:00 PM); however, they were learning new details about when the rubber bands were actually placed on her wrists. He stated staff had been trained there was a zero tolerance for abuse and neglect that included the use of restraints. He indicated they were still in the process of conducting an investigation and had not yet been able to narrow it down to a specific individual or how long the socks and rubber bands had been in place on Resident #1's hands.</p> <p>The Administrator, DON and Regional Director of Operations were notified of Immediate Jeopardy on 01/29/25 at 6:00 PM.</p> <p>The facility provided the following Credible Allegation of Immediate Jeopardy removal:</p> <p>Address how corrective actions will be accomplished for those residents who have been affected by the deficient practice:</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0604</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 1/27/2025, Resident #1 was observed with a sock on each hand. A binding had been placed around each wrist to hold the socks in place. The facility failed to comply with its abuse and restraint policies and did not protect a resident with severe cognitive impairment from abuse through the use o [TRUNCATED]</p>

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<p>F 0607</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Develop and implement policies and procedures to prevent abuse, neglect, and theft.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 37014</p> <p>Based on record review, photographic evidence review and staff interviews, the facility failed to implement their abuse policy and procedure when nursing staff failed to identify and immediately report the use of a physical restraint for a resident with no medical symptoms along with no assessment for the need for a physical restraint. Staff reported observing socks placed on Resident #1's hands held in place by rubber bands wrapped around each wrist on 01/24/25 without immediately reporting to the Administrator. On 01/27/25 at approximately 12:00 AM, Resident #1 was observed with socks covering each hand that were secured with rubber bands wrapped around each wrist, effectively forming tourniquets (device often used in emergency situations to apply pressure to a limb or extremity to stop blood flow) on her wrists, but not in a controlled manner. Her hands appeared larger than normal through the socks and the rubber bands had to be cut in order to remove the socks from Resident #1's hands. Resident #1's right hand was edematous (abnormally swollen due to an accumulation of fluid in the bodies tissues) and bright red in appearance. There were several blisters on the top of the hand, a large fluid filled blister in the palm of the hand with some drainage and a red ligature (visible indentation left on the skin) mark around the right wrist. Resident #1 was evaluated by the Wound NP on 01/27/25 who noted the blister on the palm of Resident #1's right hand measured 17 centimeters (cm) by 20 cm by 0 cm and ordered wound treatment to be applied daily. This was for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for abuse and restraints (Resident #1).</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>The facility's policy titled, Abuse and Neglect Protocol dated 06/13/21, revealed a policy statement that read in part, Our residents have the right to be free from abuse, neglect, misappropriation, exploitation, corporal punishment, physical or chemical restraints imposed for purposes of discipline or convenience and not required to treat the resident's medical symptoms, and involuntary seclusion. All reports of resident abuse, neglect and injuries of unknown source shall be promptly and thoroughly investigated by facility management. The policy interpretation and implementation section revealed in part, that any staff member or person affiliated with this facility who witnessed or believed a resident had been a victim of mistreatment, abuse, neglect, or any other criminal offense shall immediately report the mistreatment or offense to the Administrator or Director of Nursing Services.</p> <p>Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included Alzheimer's disease, dementia and multiple sclerosis (a chronic disease that affects the nervous system).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0607</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A telephone interview was conducted with Nurse Aide (NA) #2 on 01/29/25 at 12:10 PM. NA #2 revealed she was employed by a staffing agency and verified she was assigned to provide Resident #1's care on 01/24/25, 01/25/25 and 01/26/25 during the hours of 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. NA #2 stated she could not honestly recall noticing if Resident #1 had socks or rubber bands on her hands or wrists on 01/24/25; however, she did notice the socks but no rubber bands on Resident #1's hands when she started her shifts on 01/25/25 and 01/26/25. She explained she left the socks on Resident #1's hands thinking they had been put there by the previous shift as an intervention to keep her from messing in her feces. NA #2 verified she did not ask anyone why Resident #1 had socks on her hands nor did she report it to anyone. She stated if she had known the socks should not have been on Resident #1's hands she would have told someone. NA #2 confirmed she had received inservice education on the facility's abuse and neglect policy and restraints and was instructed to immediately report any concerns to the Nurse Supervisor, DON or Administrator.</p> <p>A telephone interview was conducted with NA #3 on 01/30/25 at 2:42 PM. NA #3 revealed she was employed by a staffing agency and verified she was assigned to provide Resident #1's care on 01/24/25 to 01/25/25 during the hours of 4:30 PM (she arrived late to work) to 7:00 AM and again on 01/26/25 during the hours of 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM. NA #3 recalled on 1/24/25 Resident #1 had an incontinence episode and NA #4 had assisted her with cleaning up Resident #1. NA #3 stated Resident #1 had socks on her hands that were removed and after care was provided, NA #4 placed new socks back on Resident #1's hands. At that point, NA #3 stated she went to assist Resident #1's roommate while NA #4 left the room. When NA #4 returned, she noticed he had rubber bands in his hands and he went around the privacy curtain to Resident #1. NA #3 stated she did not see NA #4 place the rubber bands around Resident #1's wrists but knew that he had because the rubber bands were on Resident #1's wrists when she checked on her again later in the shift. NA #3 explained that when NA #4 put the socks on Resident #1's hands, she thought that was strange but NA #4 told her that's just what they do and she just assumed that was facility protocol to try and keep Resident #1 from messing in her feces. NA #3 confirmed she had received inservice training on abuse and restraints and was instructed to immediately report any concerns to administration. She stated she knew that the use of the socks and rubber bands on Resident #1's hands were considered a restraint and she didn't report it to anyone or question NA #4 further because he was sort of training her and seemed to know the residents well. NA #3 recalled when she started her shift on 01/26/25, Resident #1 still had the same socks on both her hands along with the rubber bands around her wrists that were put on 01/24/25 by NA #4. NA #3 could not recall how the socks looked when she started her shift on 01/26/25 or how Resident #1's hands and wrists appeared with the socks in place. NA #3 restated she knew for a fact that the socks and rubber bands were placed on Resident #1's hands by NA #4 on 01/24/25 and everyone who worked with Resident #1 since that date would have seen the socks and rubber bands but they all dropped the ball, herself included.</p> <p>A telephone interview was conducted with NA #5 on 01/30/25 at 10:08 AM. NA #5 revealed she was employed by the facility and verified she worked on 01/25/25 during the hours of 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Resident #1's hall with NA #2. NA #5 recalled on 01/25/25 sometime right after lunch, NA #2 asked her to pull Resident #1 up in bed and when she did, she noticed Resident #1 had socks on each hand with one rubber band around each wrist that was holding the socks in place. NA #5 stated she did not notice anything unusual about how her hands looked with the socks on nor did she recall noticing any signs of swelling or redness on the visible skin. NA #5 expressed she did not question why Resident #1 had socks and rubber bands on her hands or report it to anyone. She stated she did not remove them and just assumed the socks were put on for a reason. NA #2 confirmed she had received inservice education on the facility's abuse and neglect policy and restraints and was instructed to immediately report any concerns to the Administrator.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0607</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A telephone interview was conducted with NA #6 on 01/30/25 at 11:32 AM. NA #6 revealed she was employed by a staffing agency and verified she was assigned to provide care to Resident #1 on 01/25/25 to 01/26/25 during the hours of 3:00 PM to 7:00 AM. NA #6 recalled when she started her shift on 01/25/25, Resident #1 had had socks on her hands with one (1) rubber band wrapped around each wrist holding the socks in place. She explained the rubber bands were slid over the wrist, not wrapped twice or tight, and described it like someone who would put a hair tie on their wrist loosely in case they wanted to pull their hair up. NA #6 stated usually the nurses were the only ones that had rubber bands and she just assumed the nurses had put the socks and rubber bands on Resident #1's hands and wrists for a particular reason and didn't ask anyone about it. NA #6 stated she assumed it was standard protocol because she was told that Resident #1 liked to dig in her bottom and play with/eat her fecal matter but realizes she should have told someone. She confirmed she had received inservice education on the facility's abuse and neglect policy and restraints and was instructed to immediately report any concerns to the Administrator. NA #6 restated she did not ask anyone why Resident #1 had socks and rubber bands on her hands and wrists on 01/25/25 nor did she report it to anyone.</p> <p>A telephone interview was conducted with Nurse #3 on 01/30/25 at 3:04 PM. Nurse #3 revealed she was employed by the facility and verified she was assigned to provide care to Resident #1 on 01/25/25 and 01/26/25 during the hours of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Nurse #3 stated on 01/26/25 she saw socks on both of Resident #1's hands but did not see any rubber bands. She stated she did not remove the socks from Resident #1's hands to observe the skin and explained the socks did not seem tight or swollen and there was no redness to her arms that she recalled. Nurse #3 stated she didn't question why the socks were placed on Resident #1's hands or report it to anyone because she knew that Resident #1 would play in and eat her feces and no one had brought any concerns regarding the socks to her attention. Nurse #3 confirmed she had received inservice education on the facility's abuse and neglect policy and restraints and was instructed to immediately report any concerns to the Administrator.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0607</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A telephone interview was conducted with Nurse Aide (NA) #1 on 01/29/25 at 1:21 PM. NA #1 revealed she was employed by the facility and verified she was assigned to provide Resident #1's care on Sunday 01/26/25 to Monday 01/27/25 during the hours of 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM. NA #1 recalled she was doing her initial incontinence rounds when she first went in to check on Resident #1 around 12:00 AM. When she went into Resident #1's room and pulled back the covers she observed socks on both of Resident #1's hands that were being held in place by rubber bands. NA #1 stated she thought the rubber bands had been wrapped around Resident #1's wrists at least twice. She stated she could tell Resident #1's hands were swollen even with the socks on because her hands were pressed tightly against the socks and looked much bigger than they should have been. She explained Resident #1's hands were so large, she was not able to pull the socks or rubber bands off and had to cut them in order to remove them from Resident #1's hands. NA #1 stated she started with the right hand and once the sock was removed, she immediately noticed Resident #1's right hand was very swollen, the skin of her hand and wrist was bright red in appearance and there were red marks around her wrist where the rubber bands had been that started to bruise. Resident #1 also had several blisters on top of the right hand and a large blister covering the palm of her right hand that were leaking. NA #1 stated she immediately informed Nurse #1 and when Nurse #1 came to the room to assess Resident #1 she instructed NA #1 to cut the rubber bands and sock off the left hand. NA #1 recalled Resident #1's left hand was also swollen but less red in appearance with no blisters that she recalled and there were red marks around Resident #1's left wrist where the rubber bands had been. NA #1 was not sure who put the socks and rubber bands on Resident #1's hands but recalled staff mentioning in the past that Resident #1 messed with her feces; however, NA #1 had never witnessed Resident #1 display that type of behavior. NA #1 stated if Resident #1 had messed in her feces when she provided her care, she would have just cleaned her up and would never have placed socks and/or rubber bands on her hands to deter the behavior because it would be considered a restraint.</p> <p>A telephone interview was conducted with Nurse #1 on 01/29/25 at 1:48 PM. Nurse #1 revealed she was employed by the facility and verified she was assigned to provide Resident #1's care on Sunday 01/26/25 to Monday 01/27/25 during the hours of 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM. Nurse #1 recalled around 12:30 AM, Nurse Aide (NA) #1 came to let her know that Resident #1 was found with socks on her hands, rubber bands around her wrists and her hands were swollen. Nurse #1 stated she immediately went to assess Resident #1, NA #1 had already removed the sock and rubber bands off Resident #1's right hand and Nurse #1 stated she cut the sock and rubber bands off Resident #1's left hand. Nurse #1 recalled Resident #1's right hand was swollen, blistered and red and her left hand was swollen but not blistered. Nurse #1 notified the DON, called the on-call provider and while waiting for a return phone call from the on-call provider, she went ahead and provided treatment to Resident #1's right hand. Nurse #1 stated she looked through Resident #1's medical records and did not see any physician orders for socks to be placed on her hands and there was no intervention in her care plan either. Nurse #1 explained Resident #1 would play in her feces on occasion and she could only assume that was why someone had placed the socks and rubber bands on her hands; however, that was not an intervention the facility typically used. Nurse #1 stated no one had mentioned anything to her about the socks and rubber bands observed on Resident #1's hands until it was brought to her attention by NA #1.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0607</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During interviews on 01/29/25 at 3:42 PM and 01/30/25 at 9:40 AM, the Director of Nursing (DON) revealed she received a call from Nurse #1 on 01/27/25 around 1:15 AM informing her that she (Nurse #1) had observed socks on both of Resident #1's hands with rubber bands placed tightly around her wrists, both hands were swollen and the right hand had blisters. The DON stated she went to the facility, called the Administrator to inform him of the incident and then started an investigation. The DON stated socks placed on the hands and secured with rubber bands was considered a restraint and never an appropriate intervention to use on any resident. She explained facility hired and agency staff were informed during orientation that restraints were not something the facility used and they should immediately report to her or another member of Administration anytime restraints were observed in use.</p> <p>During an interview on 01/30/25 at 4:44 PM, the Administrator recalled he woke up around 5:30 AM on 01/27/25 and noticed he had missed a call from the DON. He called the DON and she informed him of the incident involving Resident #1. When asked what he was told by the DON, he stated at that point she was describing the aftermath, basically the extent of Resident #1's injuries. The Administrator stated when they started their investigation, they initially thought the rubber bands were placed on Resident #1's wrists on 01/26/25 during second shift (3:00 PM to 11:00 PM); however, they were learning new details about when the rubber bands were actually placed on her wrists. He stated all staff had been trained that there was a zero tolerance for abuse and neglect that included the use of restraints. He further stated it was his expectation for staff was to immediately report any suspicion of abuse which would include the use of restraints and explained if staff had questions or concerns about something unusual they had observed, then they were to report their concerns to him or the DON.</p> <p>Review of the initial allegation report submitted by the facility to the Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR) revealed an allegation type of resident abuse and noted Resident #1 was found with socks on her hands and a soft binding to hold the socks in place. The socks were immediately removed, all other facility residents were checked for similar interventions with no other concerns identified, staff education was initiated, and an investigation was underway. It was noted the facility was made aware of the incident on 01/27/25 at 1:15 AM, the initial report was submitted to DHSR via fax transmission on 01/27/25 at 2:43 AM and law enforcement was notified. The initial report was completed and signed by the Director of Nursing (DON).</p> <p>Photographs taken of Resident #1's hands and wrists received via email correspondence dated 01/28/25 from the investigating Law Enforcement Officer were reviewed. In the first three photographs taken on 01/27/25, Resident #1's hand was covered in a gauze dressing and when the dressing was pulled back, the index finger was outside of the dressing and appeared swollen. The middle and ring fingers were bent inside the gauze dressing and you could partially visualize a raised fluid-filled blister starting at the base of the middle and ring fingers leading down the top of the hand. When the dressing was moved to visualize the wrist, the skin was red with a blister and indentation mark on the inside of the wrist where the rubber bands had been. The remaining pictures taken on 01/28/25, revealed the skin on Resident #1's right hand was red from the wrist to the fingers and there was peeling skin on the top and palm. Her left hand and palm had minimal redness with no blisters and a red mark on the wrist.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0607</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Photographs of Resident #1's hands and wrists that were taken by NA #1 on 01/27/25 and received via email correspondence on 01/29/25 from the investigating Law Enforcement Officer were reviewed. There were three photographs in total. In the first photograph, both of Resident #1's hands were covered in grayish/tan gripper socks. The left hand was more prominent in the photograph and showed two rubber bands, approximately 1/8 of an inch in width, wrapped around the wrist twice and her hand above the wrist appeared 2 to 3 times its normal size in the sock. Her chin was resting on the right hand and the rubber bands were not visible but you could visualize how large her hand appeared in the sock. In the second photograph, the sock and rubber bands had been removed from the right hand and her palm was facing upward. There were red ligature marks on the lower part of the inside of her wrist. The skin on her wrist, hand and fingers were visibly swollen and bright red in appearance. There was a large, raised fluid-filled blister from the edge of the palm to the bend of her fingers that covered the width of the palm. The sock was still on her left hand and you could visualize a rubber band, approximately 1/8 of an inch in width, bound twice around her wrist. In the third photograph, was a left sided view of Resident #1's right hand that was facing upward and tilted slightly. There was a purple colored, bruised area on the outer wrist along the red ligature mark. The skin from the wrist to the fingers were bright red and swollen 2 to 3 times its normal size, resembling a lobster claw. Just underneath the outer edge of the top of the hand were two raised fluid-filled blisters at the base of the hand and a fluid-filled blister at the bend of the ringer finger to the knuckle.</p> <p>The Administrator was notified of Immediate Jeopardy on 01/29/25 at 6:00 PM. The facility provided the following corrective action plan:</p> <p>Address how corrective actions will be accomplished for those residents who have been affected by the deficient practice:</p> <p>On 1/27/2025, resident #1 was observed with a sock on both hands and rubber bindings had been placed around each wrist to hold the socks in place. This intervention caused swelling, redness, and a 17 x 20-centimeter blister on resident #1's right hand and redness and swelling on the left hand. The facility failed to comply with the abuse policy when 7 staff members were aware of the socks and/or rubber bindings and failed to report this form of restraint to facility administration. Because of the failure to report, the facility did not protect a resident with severe cognitive impairment from abuse through unnecessary restraints.</p> <p>On 01/27/2025, seven staff members who admitted to knowledge of the socks and/or rubber bindings being on resident #1's hands and failing to report, were suspended pending investigation by the Director of Nursing (DON). Staff interviews attest that staff members began seeing the socks and/or rubber binding beginning on 1/19/25.</p> <p>On 01/27/2025, 1:1 education was provided verbally by DON to staff who reported knowledge of socks and/or rubber binding on resident #1's hands regarding abuse policy, restraint policy and the requirement to report suspected or actual abuse to the administrator or DON.</p> <p>On 01/27/2025, immediately following identification of concerns, DON initiated investigation. Investigation is ongoing by Administrator, DON, and Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) and Unit Managers.</p> <p>All perpetrators who were aware of the use of socks and/or bindings on resident #1's hands, failed to report, and failed to remove the coverings and/or bindings are being terminated.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0607</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>How will the facility identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice:</p> <p>In an ad hoc Quality Assurance Process Improvement (QAPI) meeting on 1/27/25, the abuse and reporting policy was reviewed by the administrator to ensure no changes were needed. In attendance at this meeting were the DON, ADON, and Unit Managers. It was determined that no changes were needed.</p> <p>On 1/27/2025, the DON completed interviews with all residents having a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) of 10 or greater to ensure that they had not experienced any abuse that had not been reported. There were no new findings. Hard copies of these interviews reside in the facility.</p> <p>On 1/27/2025, the DON completed skin assessment with all residents having a BIMS of 9 or less to ensure there was no visual indication of abuse that had not been reported. There were no new findings. Hard copies of these interviews reside in the facility.</p> <p>On 1/27/2025, DON and Administrator completed interviews with all staff working over the last 5 days. These staff members were interviewed to determine if they were aware of any other incidents of using interventions that restrict movement or abuse that had not been reported. There were no new findings. Hard copies of these interviews reside in the facility.</p> <p>On 1/27/2025, the Administrator reviewed all grievances and facility reported incidents for the last 30 days to ensure that there were no examples of a failure to report incidents as required by facility abuse and reporting policy. There were no new findings.</p> <p>What measures will be put into place or systemic changes made to ensure that the deficient practice will not occur:</p> <p>On 1/27/2025, the DON/Designee conducted all staff education in person and/or by telephone on the facility abuse and restraint-free policy to include a zero-tolerance for any type of resident abuse or failure to report an incident or suspected incident of abuse. Education also included that all residents have the right to be free from harm, including unnecessary or excessive physical restraint, including applying socks and bindings to hands to hinder manifestations of behaviors or for resident safety. Education focused not only on the requirement to report any unusual devices that could restrict movement, but to have open communication with the Administrator, DON, ADON, and Unit Managers about the resident population, asking questions or inquiring about any treatment or intervention that is new, uncommon, or suspected as possible abuse or a restraint. Newly hired or contracted staff will be educated prior to accepting an assignment and caring for residents. No staff will provide resident care without completing education. DON and ADON will be responsible for tracking education for all staff including new hires and contract staff. The administrator notified DON and ADON of these responsibilities on 1/27/2025.</p> <p>On 01/27/2025, DON or designee educated all staff in person and/or by telephone to proper notification and appropriate intervention for unsafe or other unusual behaviors. Newly hired or contracted staff will be educated prior to accepting an assignment and caring for residents. No staff will provide resident care without completing education. DON and ADON will be responsible for tracking education for all staff including new hires and contract staff. The administrator notified DON and ADON of these responsibilities on 1/27/2025.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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<p>F 0607</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>How will the facility monitor its corrective actions to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur:</p> <p>On 1/27/2025, during an ad hoc QAPI meeting, a root cause analysis was completed, and the root cause was identified as the need for additional staff education on the requirement to report unusual behavior or concerns about any intervention that restricts movement when visualized, as well as the requirement to report any incident or suspected incident of abuse immediately to the Administrator or DON. The decision was made to complete the following audits to maintain compliance with the plan of correction:</p> <p>DON/designee will interview 5 staff members weekly (on alternating shifts) for 8 weeks to identify any concerns for use of restraints, improper behavior management techniques, or abuse to ensure that reporting has occurred if present.</p> <p>DON/designee will review the 24-hour report (that includes Sbars) 5 x weekly for 8 weeks to identify any concerns for use of restraints, improper behavior management techniques, or abuse to ensure that reporting has occurred if present.</p> <p>DON/designee will make a walking round 5 x weekly for 8 weeks to identify any concerns for use of restraints, improper behavior management techniques, or abuse to ensure that reporting has occurred if present.</p> <p>The facility administrator will review findings of audits to identify patterns or trends and will present audits to QAPI for 2 months, adjusting the plan as needed to maintain compliance.</p> <p>IJ removal date is 1/28/25.</p> <p>The facility alleges compliance with this corrective action plan as of 1/28/25.</p> <p>A validation of the facility's corrective action plan for Immediate Jeopardy removal was completed on 01/31/25. Staff interviews revealed they had received inservice education on the facility's abuse policy and use of restraints policy which included the definition of physical restraints. Staff verbalized they were instructed that socks and rubber bands placed on a resident's hands should never be used as an intervention, was considered a restraint and to report any concerns to the Administrator immediately. Review of the attendance sign-in sheets revealed staff inservice education was completed on 01/27/25. Skin assessments were conducted on all cognitively impaired residents with no concerns identified. Alert and oriented residents were interviewed who all reported no concerns with restraints. An audit was conducted on 01/27/25 of all residents with no other restraints identified. All facility staff were interviewed on 01/27/25 and the employees who reported observing the socks and/or rubber bands on Resident #1 but did not remove them or inform anyone were suspended. Monitoring tools initiated on 01/27/25 through 01/31/25 were reviewed and completed as outlined in the facility's credible allegation with no concerns noted as identified. The Immediate Jeopardy removal date of 01/28/25 was validated.</p>		

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<p>F 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Timely report suspected abuse, neglect, or theft and report the results of the investigation to proper authorities.</p> <p>37014</p> <p>Based on record review, photographic evidence review and staff interviews, the facility failed to submit an initial report to the State Agency that included details that accurately reflected the cause and extent of a resident's injuries for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for abuse and restraints (Resident #1).</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Review of the initial allegation report submitted by the facility to the Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR) revealed an allegation type of resident abuse. The allegation details noted Resident #1 was found with socks on her hands and a soft binding to hold the socks in place. Resident #1 was sleeping and did not appear to have any mental anguish. The socks were immediately removed, all other facility residents were checked for similar interventions with no other concerns identified, staff education was initiated, and an investigation was underway. The details of physical or mental injury/harm revealed none was apparent at this time. It was noted the facility was made aware of the incident on 01/27/25 at 1:15 AM, the initial report was submitted to DHSR via fax transmission on 01/27/25 at 2:43 AM and law enforcement was notified on 01/27/25 at 2:34 AM. The initial allegation report was completed and signed by the Director of Nursing (DON).</p> <p>Photographs of Resident #1's hands and wrists that were taken by Nurse Aide #1 on 01/27/25 and received via email correspondence on 01/29/25 from the investigating Law Enforcement Officer were reviewed. There were three photographs in total. In the first photograph, both of Resident #1's hands were covered in grayish/tan gripper socks. The left hand was more prominent in the photograph and showed two rubber bands, approximately 1/8 of an inch in width, wrapped around the wrist twice and her hand above the wrist appeared 2 to 3 times its normal size in the sock. Her chin was resting on the right hand and the rubber bands were not visible but you could visualize how large her hand appeared in the sock. In the second photograph, the sock and rubber bands had been removed from the right hand and her palm was facing upward. There were red ligature marks on the lower part of the inside of her wrist. The skin on her wrist, hand and fingers were visibly swollen and bright red in appearance. There was a large, raised fluid-filled blister from the edge of the palm to the bend of her fingers that covered the width of the palm. The sock was still on her left hand and you could visualize a rubber band, approximately 1/8 of an inch in width, bound twice around her wrist. In the third photograph, was a left sided view of Resident #1's right hand that was facing upward and tilted slightly. There was a purple colored, bruised area on the outer wrist along the red ligature mark. The skin from the wrist to the fingers were bright red and swollen 2 to 3 times its normal size, resembling a lobster claw. Just underneath the outer edge of the top of the hand were two raised fluid-filled blisters at the base of the hand and a fluid-filled blister at the bend of the ringer finger to the knuckle.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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