

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 345329	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/14/2024
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<p>F 0622</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Not transfer or discharge a resident without an adequate reason; and must provide documentation and convey specific information when a resident is transferred or discharged.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 45380</p> <p>Based on record review and staff interviews, the facility failed to allow a resident with behaviors to remain in the facility and to provide written documentation which stated the reason the facility could not meet the residents needs for 1 of 3 resident (Resident #6) reviewed for transfer and discharge.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #6 was admitted to the facility for respite services through Hospice on 5/09/24 and discharged on [DATE]. Diagnosis included malnutrition, chronic pain, depression, and anxiety.</p> <p>Review of nursing note dated 5/09/24 written by the Director of Nursing (DON) at 4:06 PM revealed telephone call placed to Hospice Nurse, updated that Resident #6 is agitated and wanting to smoke. She stated Resident #6 was agitated at home; wife needs a break. She verbalized that he received Haldol (treat behavioral issues) 1 MG and Ativan (treat anxiety) 1 MG prior to leaving on transport to facility. Hospice Nurse speaks with Hospice provider, orders received for Xanax 1 MG by mouth now and to repeat in 1 hour: Rocephin (treat possible urinary tract infection) IM (intramuscularly) 1 gram (GM) now.</p> <p>Review of nursing note dated 5/09/24 written by the DON at 6:25 PM revealed Resident #6 had been up and down, propelling wheelchair throughout facility. Offered snack, which was accepted. An on-call Hospice Nurse was in the facility, asked if willing to continue with 5-day respite, stated the facility was not able to meet his needs and cannot do respite. She was arranging transport to hospital.</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 0622</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A telephone interview with the Hospice nurse on 5/30/24 at 4:11 PM revealed she was familiar with Resident #6 and had been providing for his care at his home through Hospice. She stated during her home visits with Resident #6, he was alert and oriented but would show signs of agitation off and on and attempt to get up out of his wheelchair unassisted to walk around the house to go to the bathroom, or to go outside and smoke but was easily re-directed. She revealed on 5/09/24 around lunchtime she and the Hospice Social Worker (SW) were at Resident #6 home and observed him showing signs of agitation and trying to get up out of his wheelchair to walk around and go outside to smoke and although he was easily re-directed his spouse informed them that she was exhausted and needed a break. The Hospice Nurse stated the Hospice SW began trying to find respite services for Resident #6 so his spouse could have a break and she administered him medication to calm his agitation. She revealed the Hospice SW spoke with the facility and informed them of why Resident #6 needed respite services and sent Hospice notes from the previous day which documented his agitation and behaviors and the facility agreed to take him. She stated she was present at Resident #6 home when he left for the facility around 2 PM and had informed transport that he had been having some agitation and wanting to get up from his wheelchair to walk around, the medications she had administered him prior, and sent those medications with him to the facility. She also stated that she called the facility, but could not recall who she spoke with, at 2:45 PM while Resident #6 was in transit to give a report and informed them of his behaviors and that she had administered medications to help calm him and those medications had been sent with him to the facility. The Hospice Nurse revealed after Resident #6 had arrived at the facility she received a telephone call from the Director of Nursing (DON) between 3:30- 4:00 PM stating Resident #6 was agitated and trying to get up from his wheelchair unassisted and that they were not going to be able to provide for his care due to these behaviors because they did not have the staff to be able to provide one-on-one supervision. She stated she informed the DON that Resident #6 did not require one-on-one supervision that he was easily re-directed and that she had administered him Haldol and Xanax earlier to help calm him, both of which were sent with him to the facility, and she would call the Hospice NP for orders to administer these medications. She revealed she contacted Hospice NP and received a verbal order for Resident #6 to be administered the Xanax and Haldol and repeat in an hour if needed and received a verbal order for him to be administered a shot of Rocephin IM. She stated she called back to the DON and informed her of the verbal orders from the Hospice NP to administer Resident #6 the Xanax and Haldol that was sent with him to the facility and repeat in an hour if needed and to also administer Rocephin IM which he was not sent with, but the DON stated the facility had access to medication in their emergency cart. The Hospice Nurse revealed after staffing the situation with her supervisor they decided it would be best for the on-call Hospice Nurse to go to the facility that evening and check on Resident #6 and when she contacted the facility to check on Resident #6 and let them know the on-call Hospice Nurse would be coming she spoke with DON who informed her they had not administered Resident #6 the medications she had given them verbal orders for an hour prior to assist with calming his agitation and behaviors. She stated later that evening she spoke with on-call Hospice Nurse who stated when she arrived at the facility they informed her Resident #6 was not going to be able to stay, they were not be able to provide for his needs, he would need other placement, and requested for him to be sent out to the hospital and they would not allow her to administer him his medications that had been ordered. She also stated while the on-call Hospice Nurse was there she observed Resident #6 to have some agitation and wanting to get out of his wheelchair unassisted but that he was easily re-directed and was even calm when she was pushing him around the facility in his wheelchair. She revealed she did speak with the Hospital NP the following day on 5/10/24 who was very upset Resident #6 had been sent out to the hospital in the first place and once they administered Resident #6 medications the facility had been ordered to administer and didn't, he was calm, polite, and fell asleep with no issues. The Hospice Nurse revealed she believed that if the facility had followed their instructions and administered Resident #6 the medications as ordered there would have been no issues and she was not sure why the facility had decided they did not want to keep Resident #6 because they were made aware of his agitation and behaviors prior to him being admitted , he was sent with medications to assist with his agitation behaviors, did not require one-on-one services, and he was not combative or harmful to himself or others.</p>		

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<p>F 0626</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview with the Director of Nursing (DON on 5/31/24 at 1:52 PM revealed she was familiar with Resident #6. She stated she was working on 05/09/24 and received a telephone call she believed from the Admission Director or the Administrator that Resident #6 was in route to the facility for a 5-day respite stay admission. She revealed she was not notified of Resident #6 care needs or behaviors and after he arrived, he became agitated and was trying to get up and down out of his wheelchair unassisted trying to walk around the facility. The DON stated that she called the Hospice Nurse and informed her of Resident #6 behaviors, and she did not think they would be able to provide for his care and he may need to be sent to another placement and the Hospice Nurse gave verbal orders to administer medications to help calm him and to assist with the agitation and repeat in one hour. She revealed she could not recall whether the medication was ever administered or not and had no reason for why they did not administer the medications. She stated she contacted the interim Administrator and discussed Resident #6 behaviors and the facility not being able to provide for his care and the decision was made to contact Hospice and inform them the facility could not provide care for Resident #6 and they would need to find alternative placement. The DON revealed when the on-call Hospice Nurse arrived at the facility, she informed her that per administration, Resident #6 would not be able to stay at the facility due to them not being able to provide for his care and they would need to send him out to the hospital or find alternative placement. She stated the on-call Hospice Nurse assisted with Resident #6 being sent out to the hospital and someone from the hospital (she could not recall the name) called her later that evening asking again if Resident #6 could return to the facility, and she informed no he could not return due to the facility not being able to provide care for his needs and to contact Hospice. She revealed the hospital physician did contact the facility about Resident #6 returning and spoke with Nurse #3 who did call her about the situation, and she informed her that Resident #6 was not allowed to return but she did not speak with the hospital physician herself. The DON stated the decision for Resident #6 not to return to the facility was a decision made by her and the Administrator.</p> <p>An interview with the Admission Assistant on 5/31/24 at 2:35 PM revealed she was familiar with Resident #6. She stated on 5/09/24 she had received a telephone call from the Admission Director who was not at the facility, informing her of Resident #6 admission for respite services. She revealed Resident #6 arrived at the facility around 2:45 PM and she went to discuss the Advanced Directive and admission paperwork with him at 3:30 PM and observed Resident #6 sitting in the hallway in his wheelchair with the DON standing beside of him. She stated Resident #6 did appear to be slightly agitated and did attempt to get up out of his wheelchair one time but was easily re-directed but was not being combative or attempting to hurt himself or others. The Admission Assistant revealed after having Resident #6 sign his Advance Directive, the DON stated there was no use to go over the admission paperwork with Resident #6 because he would not be staying due to his behaviors and not being able to provide his care and Hospice would have to find him another placement. She stated after that she left the hallway and went back to her office, the following day she was notified Resident #6 was sent out to the hospital and did not return.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0626</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A telephone interview with the interim Administrator on 6/03/24 at 4:00 PM revealed he was not present at the facility on 5/09/24 but had received a telephone call from the Admission Director sometime after lunch stating they would be admitting Resident #6 on this date under respite services for Hospice. He stated later that afternoon he received a telephone call from the DON stating Resident #6 had arrived at the facility and had started to become agitated, was trying to get up out of his wheelchair to walk around and would require one-on-one supervision and they did not have the staff available to provide him with one-on-one supervision. He revealed the DON stated they were not aware of him having these behaviors prior to him being admitted to the facility and were not able to provide for his care needs, and that she had contacted Hospice to inform them of this and that they would need to find an alternative placement and Hospice agreed. The Administrator stated to his knowledge, Hospice came to the building that evening and decided it was best for him to be sent out to the hospital and he did not return. When asked if he was aware of the Hospice notes received by the facility as part of the admission referral documenting Resident #6 had been showing signs of agitation and having behaviors such as getting up from his wheelchair to walk around or of the Hospice social worker relaying this information by telephone to the Admission Director prior to him being accepted by the facility, the Administrator stated no he had not been made aware of that information. He also stated that he was not aware the DON had spoken with the Hospice nurse and received orders to administer medications that were sent with Resident #6 to the facility for his agitation and repeat in an hour and to administer an injection for agitation if needed that was available at the facility and those orders were not followed and medications were not administered. The Administrator revealed he was not informed of on-call Hospice nurse not being allowed to administer these medications and being told Resident #6 was not allowed to stay at the facility and for him to be sent to the hospital, he was of the understanding that Hospice had made the decision for him to leave. He also revealed the information that he had received was Resident #6 was agitated and trying to get up out of his wheelchair and staff were not able to care for him, he was not aware Resident #6 behaviors were easily redirected or that there was medication available that could have helped. He stated he was also not aware of the hospital NP attempting to contact the DON to discuss Resident #6 behaviors and that once he was administered the medications at the hospital he was less agitated and continued to be easily re-directed, and the DON would not return the hospital NP call and messages had to be sent through Nurse #3 at the facility that Resident #6 was not allowed to return. The Administrator stated had he known all of the information he would have instructed to follow recommendations from Hospice, administer Resident #6 medications as instructed, and communicate with Hospice and the Hospital NP prior to not allowing Resident #6 to return to the facility.</p>		

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<p>F 0677</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide care and assistance to perform activities of daily living for any resident who is unable.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 37019</p> <p>Based on observations, record review, and staff interviews, the facility failed to provide incontinence care to a resident prior to her wetting through her brief and her pants for 1 of 3 residents (Resident #4) reviewed for activities of daily living (ADL).</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #4 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] and readmitted on [DATE] with diagnoses which included cerebral vascular accident (CVA or stroke), hypertension, diabetes mellitus type II, congestive heart failure and muscle weakness.</p> <p>Review of Resident #4's Care Area Assessment (CAA) summary dated 01/15/24 for activities of daily living (ADL) revealed resident was to receive assistance of 1 to 2 staff members with ADL, transfers, mobility, and toileting to prevent falls or injury. Resident #4 was to receive peri-care every 2 hours and as needed to prevent skin breakdown and infection.</p> <p>Review of Resident #4's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed she was severely cognitively impaired, and staff were to anticipate her needs. The assessment also revealed she required partial to moderate assistance of 1 to 2 staff members with toileting hygiene and required substantial to maximal assistance of 1 to 2 staff members with lower body dressing.</p> <p>Review of Resident #4's care plan dated 05/10/24 revealed a focus area for the resident having an ADL self-care performance deficit related to disease process, impaired balance and pain. The interventions included for toilet use the resident required assistance of 1 to 2 for toileting hygiene and for dressing required 1 staff assistance with dressing and undressing. Resident #4's care plan also revealed a focus area for the resident having frequent urinary incontinence related to disease process, inability to communicate needs and poor toileting habits. The interventions included the resident used disposable briefs, clean peri-area with each incontinent episode, check as required for incontinence, wash, rinse and dry perineum, change clothing as needed (prn) after incontinence episodes and monitor/document any signs or symptoms of urinary tract infection (UTI).</p> <p>An observation on 05/31/24 at 11:17 AM of incontinence care on Resident #4 revealed the resident being assisted to the bathroom in her room via wheelchair by Nurse Aide (NA) #4 and NA #5. NA #4 assisted the resident up out of her wheelchair and Resident #4 stood at the grab bar in the bathroom while NA #4 held onto her, and NA #5 proceeded to clean her from front to back. When NA #4 removed the resident's brief it was saturated from front to back with urine and there were stool smears on the brief and the inside of the brief had begun to bunch up. When NA #4 threw the brief in the trash can it made a loud thud. NA #5 continued to clean Resident #4 until she was clean and then NA #4 and NA #5 put a clean brief on the resident and sat her down in the wheelchair to change her pants because she had saturated her brief and wet through her pants. NA #4 changed the resident's pants, washed the resident's hands and washed her hands and pushed the resident in her wheelchair to the dining room for lunch.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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<p>F 0677</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview on 05/31/24 at 12:40 PM with NA #4 revealed she was assigned to care for Resident #4 on the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift. She stated she typically rounded every 2 hours on her residents but said she had not gotten to round on Resident #4 the first time until 11:17 AM. NA #4 stated the NA on night shift (11:00 PM to 7:00 AM) must have gotten her up early because Resident #4 typically didn't wet her brief through to her pants. She said she had just been busy and had just not gotten to the resident. NA #4 explained that Resident #4 was typically up when she arrived for her shift at 7:00 AM and usually early riser residents are gotten up on the last round between 5:00 AM and 6:30 AM and that was likely the last time she received incontinence care until 11:17 AM.</p> <p>A telephone interview on 06/04/24 at 2:01 PM with the Director of Nursing revealed it was her expectation that all residents be round on every 2 hours and changed as needed. She stated if NA #4 was busy she should have asked for assistance from one of the other NAs working and said no resident should be left without incontinence care and wet through their pants.</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>37019</p> <p>Based on observations, record reviews, and staff interviews, the facility failed to follow their Infection Control Policy for Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP), when the Wound Nurse failed to wear a gown while providing wound care to 2 of 3 residents (Resident #2 and Resident #3) reviewed for infection control.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Review of the facility's Infection Control Policy, Enhanced Barrier Precautions last updated on 08/2022 revealed the following:</p> <p>Under Policy Interpretation and Implementation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhanced barrier precautions (EBPs) are used as an infection prevention and control intervention to reduce the spread of multi-drug resistant organisms (MRDOs) to residents. 2. EBPs employ targeted gown and glove use during high contact activities when contact precautions do not otherwise apply. 3. Examples of high-contact resident care activities requiring the use of gown and gloves for EBPs include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> h. wound care (any skin opening requiring a dressing). 5. EBPs are indicated (when contact precautions do not otherwise apply) for residents with wounds and/or indwelling medical devices regardless of MDRO colonization. 6. EBPs remain in place for the duration of the resident's stay or until resolution of the wound or discontinuation of the indwelling medical device that places them at increased risk. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. An observation on 05/31/24 at 10:31 AM of wound care by the Wound Nurse assisted by the Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON)/Infection Preventionist (IP) was completed on Resident #2. There was no personal protective equipment (PPE) available on the door or in a bin outside the door of the resident's room. The Wound Nurse had on gloves and changed them according to their handwashing policy and procedure during the resident's wound care but did not wear a gown while providing wound care. <p>An interview on 05/31/24 at 11:44 AM with the Wound Nurse revealed she realized after providing Resident #2 wound care that she should have donned a gown prior to doing the wound care because the resident was on Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP). She stated she knew better but was nervous and just forgot to put on the gown. The Wound Nurse said the facility lets staff know who is on EBP by putting signage on the door and providing PPE on the door or in a bin near the resident's door.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview on 05/31/24 at 10:55 AM with the Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON)/Infection Preventionist (IP) revealed she thought the wound care for Resident #2 went well except the Wound Nurse did not wear a gown while providing wound care. She stated she wasn't sure why the resident didn't have PPE on her door or near her room unless it was because she was recently moved, and the caddie of PPE did not move with her to her new room. The ADON/IP further stated the facility utilized signage on the door and PPE on the door or near the resident's room in a bin to communicate the resident was on EBP to the staff. She said she didn't think about the Wound Nurse not wearing a gown until after the wound care had been completed. The ADON/IP indicated she would provide the Wound Nurse with additional education on wearing PPE during wound care.</p> <p>A telephone interview on 06/04/24 at 2:01 PM with the Director of Nursing (DON) revealed it was her expectation that the Wound Nurse follow the EBP Policy and Procedure and wear a gown while providing wound care to residents.</p> <p>b. An observation on 05/31/24 at 10:44 AM of wound care by the Wound Nurse assisted by the Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON)/Infection Preventionist (IP) was completed on Resident #3. There was a caddie on the door to the resident's room with PPE supplies including masks, gowns, and gloves. The Wound Nurse had on gloves and changed them according to their handwashing policy and procedure during the resident's wound care but did not wear a gown while providing wound care.</p> <p>An interview on 05/31/24 at 11:44 AM with the Wound Nurse revealed she realized after providing Resident #3 wound care that she should have donned a gown prior to doing the wound care because the resident was on Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP). She stated she knew better but was nervous and just forgot to put on the gown. The Wound Nurse said the facility lets staff know who is on precautions by putting signage on the door and providing PPE on the door or in a bin near the resident's door.</p> <p>An interview on 05/31/24 at 10:55 AM with the Assistant Director of Nursing (DON) / Infection Preventionist (IP) revealed she thought the wound care for Resident #3 went well except the Wound Nurse did not wear a gown while providing wound care. She stated there was PPE readily available in the caddie on the resident's door, but the Wound Nurse had not donned a gown prior to performing wound care on the resident. The ADON/IP further stated the facility utilized signage on the door and PPE in a caddie on the door or near the resident's room in a bin to communicate the resident was on EBP to the staff. She said she didn't think about the Wound Nurse not wearing a gown until after the wound care had been completed. The ADON/IP indicated she would provide the Wound Nurse with additional education on wearing PPE during wound care.</p> <p>A telephone interview on 06/04/24 at 2:01 PM with the Director of Nursing (DON) revealed it was her expectation that the Wound Nurse follow the EBP Policy and Procedure and wear a gown while providing wound care to residents.</p>		