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<p>F 0604</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 48006</p> <p>Based on record review, and responsible party (RP), staff, nurse practitioner (NP), and physician assistant (PA) interviews, the facility failed to protect a resident's right to be free of physical restraints for 1 of 3 residents (Resident #1) reviewed for restraints. Resident #1 was found to have his wrists restrained using a pillowcase wrapped in a figure eight [NAME] and then covered with a top sheet. The reasonable person concept was applied as no reasonable person would expect to have their wrists restrained with a pillowcase, restricting their movement, unable to use their call bell for assistance, and making the person feel restricted and/or belittled.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>A review of the facility's Abuse and Neglect Policy and Use of Restraints Policy dated 03/28/2023 stated residents have the right to be free from abuse including physical restraints imposed for purposes of discipline or staff convenience. Physical restraints were defined as any manual method or physical or mechanical device, material or equipment attached to or adjacent to the resident's body that the individual cannot remove easily, which restricts freedom of movement or restricts normal access to one's body. Physical restraints shall only be used for the safety and well-being of the resident(s) and only after other alternatives have been tried successfully. Restraints shall only be used to treat the resident's medical symptom(s) and never for discipline or staff convenience.</p> <p>Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] and discharged on [DATE] with diagnoses that included multiple sclerosis (MS), left-side hemiplegia (partial or complete paralysis on the left side of the body), left-side hemiparesis (muscle weakness or partial paralysis on the left side of the body), and cerebral infarction (when blood flow to the brain is blocked, causing the brain tissue to die).</p> <p>Review of the admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] indicated that Resident #1 had moderate cognitive impairment, required total assistance with all activities of daily living (ADL) and displayed no behaviors during the 7-day assessment period. The MDS revealed Resident #1 had no use of physical restraints.</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 - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Review of Resident #1's care plan dated 07/30/2024 revealed Resident #1 was care planned for ADL deficits related to disease processes and cognitive deficits with interventions to converse with resident while providing care, be aware of the resident's need for assistance and that additional staff support may fluctuate from day to day and hour to hour. Resident #1's care plan also reflected limited physical mobility related to bilateral upper and lower extremity contractures with interventions to provide gentle range of motion as tolerated with daily care. Resident #1 was also care planned for being resistant to care including personal care, medication, treatments, and lab work with interventions to allow resident to have freedom of choice, and to attempt to determine the reason for non-compliance. Resident #1's care plan also indicated behavioral problems including hitting, kicking, cursing staff and using racial slurs with interventions to explain all procedures to Resident #1 before providing care, approach and speak in a calm manner, divert attention, monitor behavior episodes and attempt to determine the underlying cause and document, and praise any indication of Resident #1's improvement in behavior.</p> <p>Review of the facility's initial abuse investigation report dated 10/02/2024 at 11:30 AM revealed Resident #1 was found to have upper extremity range of motion restricted in linen. The report also indicated that the linen was removed immediately. Resident #1 was assessed by the Director of Nursing (DON) and the Medical Director (MD). The physical assessment revealed discoloration on the top of Resident #1's wrists. Resident #1 denied pain or discomfort and had no mental injury of harm noted upon psychosocial assessment. The report also revealed the incident was reported to local law enforcement and the Department of Social Services on 10/02/2024 at 10:30 AM. The report indicated that Nurse Aide (NA) #1 and NA #2 were suspended pending the conclusion of the investigation.</p> <p>Review of the incident report dated 10/02/2024 at 9:30 AM revealed upon staff rounding, Resident #1 was noted to have upper extremity range of motion restricted in linen. Linen immediately straightened and removed allowing Resident #1 normal range of motion. Resident #1 was assessed by the DON and MD with discoloration noted to top of both wrists. Resident #1 denied pain or discomfort.</p> <p>Review of the MD's acute visit progress note dated 10/2/2024 at 10:50 AM revealed Resident #1 was seen after he was found by nursing staff restrained at the wrists with a pillowcase. Physical examination revealed mild superficial bruising noted on the top of the left and right wrists. No edema was present and Resident #1 had no pain with palpation or movement of the left and right wrists. The MD's plan revealed clinically Resident #1 appeared stable and without fracture but given the mild bruising will obtain STAT (immediate) x-rays of both wrists. Resident #1 elicited no pain with examination.</p> <p>Review of the physician's orders revealed STAT bilateral wrist x-rays were ordered 10/2/224 at 10:45 AM.</p> <p>Review of the bilateral wrist x-ray reports dated 10/02/2024 revealed bilateral wrist x-rays were completed 10/02/2024 at 7:45 PM and results released at 10/03/2024 at 12:51 AM. The results read:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Right wrist - minimally displaced fracture of the scaphoid (small bone on the thumb side of the wrist) bone. 2. Left wrist - No obvious acute osseous (bone) or soft tissue abnormality. Further evaluation with Computerized Tomography (CT) (medical imaging procedure that uses x-rays to create 3D cross-sectional pictures) may be considered if clinically indicated. <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0604</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A statement provided by NA #2 dated 10/02/24 at 7:00 Pm read, NA #2 stated that she was not going to lie; she had placed Resident #1's hands inside his shirt when changing him so that Resident #1 would not hit her. NA #2 stated that she did not think she was doing anything wrong by placing Resident #1's hand inside his shirt.</p> <p>A telephone interview was conducted with NA #2 on 11/25/2024 at 11:25 AM. NA #2 stated that she had never used linen or anything else to tie a resident down with. She further explained that she had never tied a resident's hands, arms, legs, or body down and she had never seen any staff member tie a resident to the bed or a wheelchair. She further revealed she did not understand why she was involved in this investigation because she had not worked a shift at the facility since 09/29/2024 and was not working when the incident occurred. She also stated that she did not understand how her name got brought up with this investigation. She further stated that she had never shown another NA how to restrain a combative resident so that care could be provided easily, and she had never placed a Resident #1's arms inside his shirt to keep him from hitting her.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the DON on 11/25/2024 at 11:45 AM. The DON stated that she was coming down the hall on 10/02/2024 and that Nurse #1 and NA #3 asked her to come to Resident #1's room at approximately 9:30 AM. She explained that NA #3 was serving Resident #1's breakfast tray and noticed his linen was tangled and found Resident #1's wrists tied together with linen. Resident #1 was covered with his sheet and when the DON removed the top sheet, she noted Resident #1's wrists were bound together and secured with a pillowcase which was tucked in a figure-8 around both wrists. The DON stated she removed the pillowcase and observed redness to the top of both wrists. The DON further added that Resident #1 denied pain or discomfort. The DON explained she went to the MD who was in the facility and explained to him what happened and ask the MD to see Resident #1. The DON revealed the MD ordered STAT (immediate) x-rays of Resident #1's bilateral wrists which were taken 12/02/2024 at 7:45 PM and resulted on 12/03/2024 at 12:51 AM. The DON stated the x-ray report was placed in the physician's box for review because the report was not flagged as critical and did not indicate an acute fracture. The DON further explained that it was unknown exactly how long Resident #1's wrists were bound by the pillowcase. The DON also revealed that Resident #1 was difficult to care for and he would often resist care. The DON explained Resident #1 would be combative, and he would hit and kick staff. She also stated that when she reviewed the night shift staffing grid, NA #1 was assigned to care for Resident #1. The DON stated that when she interviewed NA #1, NA #1 stated this was the only time she had ever placed a pillowcase around Resident #1's wrists so Resident #1 would not hit her while she provided care.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with NA #3 on 11/25/2024 at 12:25 PM. The NA stated that Resident #1 was tangled up in his linen and when she pulled the top sheet back, she observed Resident #1's wrists tied together with linen. NA #3 called for Resident #1's nurse (Nurse #1) and the DON who came to the room immediately.</p> <p>Multiple attempts to contact Nurse #1 were made and were unsuccessful.</p> <p>Several attempts to contact the MD were made from 11/25/2024 to 11/26/2024. The attempts were unsuccessful and there were no return calls from the MD.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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